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## IT'LL BE THE AUGUSTUS LONG MEDICAL LIBRARY



CHRISTMAS '62 AT THE CENTER

It was a sleepy little girl patient who portrayed Mary in the Babies Hospital's annual Orthopaedic Pageant. Additional pictures of the pageant and other Christmas events at the Medical Center appear on pages 4 and 5.

### Anonymous Donor of \$1 million Suggests Building Bear Name of P. H. President; University, Hospital Trustees Agree

An anonymous gift of \$1,000,000 has been presented Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center for use in the construction of a new medical library.

Announcement of the generous gift was made this week by Dr. Grayson Kirk, president of Columbia University, and General Lucius D. Clay, chairman of the Medical Center's Development Committee.

They said that at the donor's request the new building will be named the Augustus Long Medical Library, in honor of the president of the board of Presbyterian Hospital. Trustees of the hospital and the university have endorsed the name.

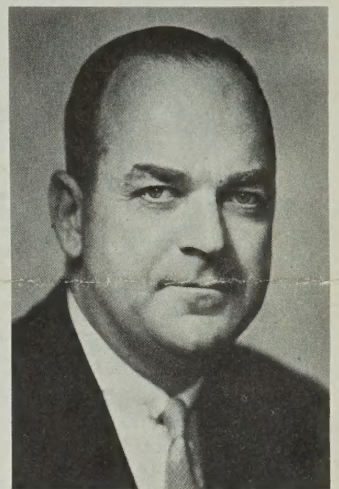
Mr. Long, chairman of the board of Texaco Inc., has been a trustee of Presbyterian Hospital since 1955 and its president since 1961. Active in the day-to-day affairs of the hospital, he is also vice chairman of the Medical Center Development Committee.

The medical library, which

will cost an estimated \$4,000,000 will be strategically located on 168th Street between Presbyterian Hospital and the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

#### 500,000 BOOK CAPACITY

It will provide 75,000 square feet of floor area, with space for housing a



Augustus C. Long

half-million bound volumes. In comparison, the present library has just 14,500 square feet of floor space and its over-crowded shelves were designed to hold 85,000 books.

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Check with your supervisor

### Applications for Educational Aid Must Be Completed By January 15

The deadline is January 15 for personnel interested in receiving financial assistance for Spring semester studies under the Sidney J. Weinberg Employees Educational Aid Reimbursement Plan.

Applications for such aid, if they are to be considered, must be in the Personnel Office no later than that date.

Additional information is available through Miss Lillian Oring, Personnel Office, Extension 7971. Application forms may be obtained from department supervisors.

#### PAYS UP TO 50%

The educational aid plan, which pays up to 50 per cent of the tuition fee for one to six credits per semester, or the equivalent for non-credit courses, was established last year with a \$70,000 gift from Mr. Weinberg, a long-time trustee of

Presbyterian Hospital, and his friends.

Any full-time employee with at least six months of service may apply for assistance under the plan.

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### Miss Jean Collard, Social Worker, Promoted in Neuro

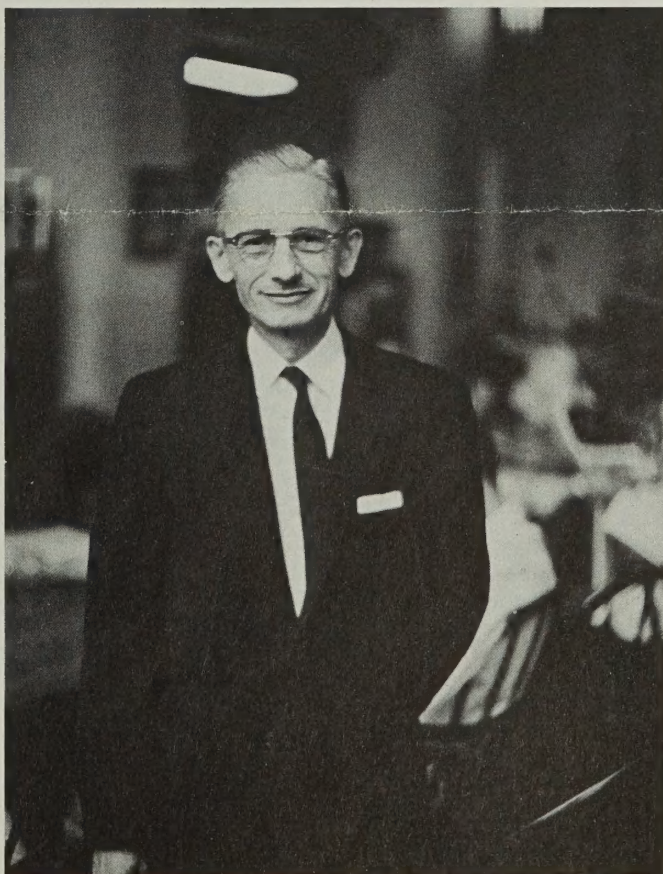
Miss Jean Elisabeth Collard has been appointed associate director in charge of social service in Neurological Institute.

Miss Collard joined the staff in August, 1961, after working for six years as director of social service at the Staten Island Mental Health Clinic.

A graduate of Reed College and the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Washington, which presented her the degree of master of arts

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### Thomas Fleming Runs Medical Library With Rare Wit, Enthusiasm, Efficiency



THOMAS FLEMING: medical librarian.

When he was 13, Thomas Fleming was running a rental library among the neighborhood kids in Massillon, Ohio — using public library books for his stock.

Although it isn't the way he planned it, he's been associated with libraries ever since. In fact, as Professor of Library Service and Librarian for the Medical-Natural Sciences Libraries of Columbia University, he's one of the nation's top men in the field.

"That rental library business was going pretty good too," Mr. Fleming chuckled, "until one of the kids apparently got jealous and peached to the librarian."

#### A BIT UNETHICAL

As could be expected, the librarian called the enterprising youngster before her and said she was sure there was "something unethical" about what he was doing.

"However," she added with admiration, "anyone who can get children to pay

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Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox.

## STETHOSCOPIA

Dr. Joseph O'Brien, Assistant Attending Neurologist, and Miss Ann Louise Angelo, head nurse at Neuro, were married November 18 in the Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Father John K. Hawes, chaplain at the Medical Center, performed the ceremony and celebrated the nuptial mass.

Dr. Timothy Harvey Smelzer, P&S '62, and Miss Anne Marie Detweiler of Pittsford, N. Y., were married on December 1.

The wedding of Miss Esther Molinoff of Brentwood, L. I., and Dr. Stanley M. Vickers, formerly a resident at Babies Hospital, took place on December 30.

Vincent Reda, son of Dominic Reda, head gardener, was married recently to Miss Nettie Novelli.

The engagement of Miss Barbara Susan Roffman of Teaneck, to Jerry Arnold Wider, P&S '63, has been announced, as has the betrothal of Miss Cecily Miram Goldberg of Cedar Grove, N. J., to Joel Weintraub, P&S '65.

Barbara Jean Pontz, staff nurse on PH-14C, became engaged on Christmas to Thomas Gregory Rogers. Mr. Rogers is a conservation and surveying engineer with the Peace Corps and soon is going to Morocco, Africa.

Miss Ita Malley, EEG technician, is engaged to marry Mr. Donald Slattery.

Miss Margaret Hennessy, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Hennessy (Compensation Department) is engaged to Mr. Steven Sedlacek. The couple will marry in July.

Eugene Mozzillo of Maintenance and Construction, and Mrs. Mozzillo, welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth Marilyn, born on December 11 in Sloane Hospital.

A son, Peter Thomas, was born recently to Mrs. Hans Arntsen, wife of Hans Arntsen (Accounting).

Our condolences to Mrs. Harriet Ryan, Mary Harkness Unit, who lost her father.

Lucky winter vacationists include Mrs. Amalia Klemmer, R.N., Child Development who spent her recent vacation in Madrid, Spain, visiting with relatives.

Marjorie Holgerson (IBM Unit) has returned from a 3 week vacation in the California sun.

Mrs. Monte Fletcher, Public Interest, has just returned from a visit to her family home in Texas.

Newcomers among us are: Julie Sutton in the Secretary-Treasurer's office and Barbara Martin, librarian in Milbank Library.

Mr. Jules J. Selles joins the Housekeeping staff as Assistant Supervisor, replacing Edward Dotter, who accepted a position as Executive Housekeeper at St. Luke's Hospital.

Mrs. Sally Torres in the Accounting Department, is the lucky winner of an Oldsmobile raffled at her church bazaar.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dixon's annual Christmas present collection for the children at the Christian Orphan's Home in Fort Lee, provided gifts of toys and clothing for 87 children there. The Home's station wagon was a veritable Santa's Delivery Special as it pulled away from the Hospital loaded with gaily wrapped gifts.

Miss Rita Ryan, LPN, was a delegate from the Hospital to the National Association of Practical Nurse Education and Services, Inc. Convention, held recently at the Dupont Hotel, Wilmington, Del.

The three x's on the envelope flap of the Hospital Christmas card to employees was not an affectionate greeting—it's a mail room code mark. Sorry!

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

Dr. John K. Lattimer, Director of Urology, has been made a member of the British Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons.

Dr. Lattimer also presided as chairman of the Committee for Pediatric Urology of the American Academy of Pediatrics at the recent meeting in Chicago and conducted two courses in pediatric urology for the benefit of the members of the Academy.

Drs. Meyer M. Melicow and Aurelio C. Uson, Assistant Urologists, showed an exhibit on Pheochromocytoma at the recent meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Atlantic City.

The third "Giants of Medicine" evening of the Medical Circle was opened with an address by Dr. Gerhart S. Schwarz, Assistant Attending Radiologist. The talk was entitled: Radiology Sub-specialization and the Problem of Centralization Versus Dispersal; Holzknecht's Dream and Hope. In it the speaker gave The Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center as an example in which four sub-specialized X-ray departments are separated geographically from the central mother X-ray department.

Dr. Thomas V. Santulli, Attending Surgeon, participated in the Post-Graduate Course on Pediatric Surgery at the Annual Meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Atlantic City, presenting a paper on Imperforate Anus. Dr. Santulli also served as Moderator of a panel discussion on the management of Imperforate Anus at the recent Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics in Chicago.

Dr. Harold Murchison Massey Tovell, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, has been appointed Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology by St. Luke's Hospital, New York City. Dr. Tovell



Dr. Tovell

will supervise the professional programs of Woman's Hospital Division which is the Obstetrical and Gynecological Service of St. Luke's. His appointment was effective January 1, 1963.

Dr. George W. Fish, Consultant in Urology, has been appointed to the Special Medical Advisory Group of the Veterans Administration. The group is composed of outstanding non-government physicians and specialists in related fields. It meets quarterly in Washington, D. C. to advise the Administrator of Veterans Affairs and the VA Chief Medical Director on VA's medical program.

Drs. Rejane M. Harvey, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, M. Irene Ferrer, Assistant Attending Physician, and Theodore H. Spalt, Associate Professor of Pathology, participated in the Third Annual Correlated Clinical-Science Course at the New York Academy of Medicine.

Others giving courses under this program are: Drs. Paul A. Marks, Associate Attending Physician; Sidney C. Werner, Associate Attending Physician, and Gilbert W. Mellin, Assistant Attending Pediatrician.

Drs. William B. Seaman, Director of Radiology, and Henry Colcher, Assistant Attending Physician, delivered papers at the Joint Meeting of the New York Academy of Gastroenterology and the New York Chapter of American College of Gastroenterology recently.

Dr. Jacob Furth, Professor of Pathology, gave the Semmelweis lecture at the Semmelweis Memorial Meeting of the American Hungarian Medical Association.

Dr. Orlando J. Miller, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, delivered a paper on "Chromosomal Observations in Anomalies of Sex" at a recent section on Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Charles L. Christian, Assistant Attending Physician, participated in the Fall Meeting of the New York Rheumatism Association.

Drs. Hans H. Zinsser, Assistant Attending Urologist, and Frank A. Longo, Assistant Urologist, presented papers at a recent meeting of the section on Urology.

Dr. Robert Winters, Attending Pediatrician, presented a paper on Salicylate Intoxication at a recent meeting of the section on Pediatrics.

Dr. Robert J. Mearin, on leave from the Department of Psychiatry, P&S, will appear on TV Channel 4 at 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, for a discussion of current trends in psychiatry. He is president of the New Jersey District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. D. Keith McElroy, Assistant Attending in Orthopaedics, was guest lecturer on the problem low back patient at the sixth annual Symposium on Rehabilitation held recently in Ottawa.



## In Memoriam

### MRS. HELEN LAMB

Mrs. Helen (Foster) Lamb, widow of Dr. Albert R. Lamb, former Professor of Clinical Medicine and author of the standard history of the Medical Center, died December 2 in Pine Orchard, Conn. She was 80 years old.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lamb were held December 5 in Trinity Episcopal Church, Branford, Conn.

Mrs. Lamb was a dedicated, long-time member and officer of the old Vanderbilt Clinic Auxiliary. She joined the organization in 1937, served as its corresponding secretary from 1941 through 1945, and was still active in 1950, when the V.C. Auxiliary became part of the Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary. She resigned in 1954, when she moved to Connecticut.

### SURVIVORS LISTED

Before going to Connecticut, Mrs. Lamb was also active in the Cosmopolitan Club, the Junior League, and various organizations within St. James Episcopal Church, all in New York City. She was a member of the Mayflower Society.

After her husband's retirement in 1952, Dr. and Mrs. Lamb moved to Pine Orchard, living there with Dr. Lamb's sister, Miss Betty C. Lamb.

She is survived by a son, Dr. Albert R. Lamb, Jr., associate professor of clinical medicine and associate attending physician; three daughters, Mrs. William M. Thompson and Mrs. Helen L. Freeman, both of New York City, and Mrs. Harold Howe of Scarsdale, N. Y.; 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

## Educational Aid

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provided he attends a school of recognized standing and pursues courses related to his career in the hospital.

Last Fall, first time the Weinberg Plan was offered hospital personnel, 26 employees took advantage of the opportunity by taking courses at 14 schools in New York and New Jersey.

### MISS ELSPETH A. GOULD

Miss Elspeth Anna Gould, a member of Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing's Class of 1909, died of a heart attack Dec. 26 in her Manhattan home.

Assistant Chief Nurse with the Presbyterian Hospital Unit in France during World War I, she was buried with full military honors Dec. 31 in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Miss Gould was an active private duty nurse from 1926 until her retirement.



JEAN COLLARD on the job.

### MISS COLLARD

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in social work in 1946, Miss Collard had several years' experience in family, children's, and residential treatment agencies in the state of Washington, in Pittsburgh and New York.

She has also served as lecturer in the Department of Sociology of Wagner College, Staten Island, for five years. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, Psychiatric Section, and the American Orthopsychiatric Association.

## Phone Specialists Proceed With Centrex Installation



Skilled specialists from the New York Telephone Company are proceeding with installation of the Medical Center's new Centrex system.

At left is a view of the equipment room, heart of the system, where a technician solders connections into place under the impressed gaze of Herbert C. Christensen, telephone company communications consultant, and Mrs. Virginia B. Smith, unit manager of Harkness Pavilion.

A visitor, awed by the sight of countless strands of wire, exclaimed that he'd be afraid to even attempt joining the wires to their connections. Admitted the man responsible for the complicated installation: "Sometimes it even scares us."



In the picture at the right, Edward Zimmerman, the chief installer, explains the operation of Centrex's simplified, push-button switchboard to Mrs. Smith and Robert M. Wilson, superintendent of services for the hospital.

Centrex, which will allow for direct inward and outward dialing, without going through an operator, is due to go into operation here in the Spring. Originally it was hoped to begin use of the new system on March 2, but unexpected difficulties have forced the delay. Another article explaining Centrex will appear in next month's issue of *Stethoscope*.





# CHRISTMAS

Mr. A. J. Binkert presents a first prize award to Marilyn Stevens, Nurse on PH-10E for her painting of the Christmas Angels decorating the ward doors.



J. G. McCULLOUGH AND MRS. MARY HALL arrange Santa's gifts for the 89 children at the Christian Orphan Home, Fort Lee, N. J. Packages were donated by friends at the Hospital and collected in the Accounting Department.

## From The Mailbag

I have just spent a month on the Seventh Floor, during which time I had floor nurse care. I wish to compliment you on the care which I received from all of the nurses who were serving that floor.  
— From a former patient at Neuro

"No one is gladder than I to say that from the patient's view the level of nursing care seems excellent.

"Going even beyond that, there is truly a therapeutic milieu which is generated by all staff, on all levels from the porters, aides, students up to the R.N.'s."  
— From a former patient at Presbyterian Hospital

"The Presbyterian Hospital is a wonderful institution. The services and treatment that Mrs. Conklin and I received could not be improved upon. It is most unusual for the personnel of an institution as large as yours to be able to retain the personal touch which means so much to a sick patient. The personnel of a hospital reflect the views of top management which is responsible for the excellent reputation your hospital enjoys.

— From a former patient at Harkness Pavilion

Everyone at Babies seems to work as a team — trained to pleasantness at all times and above all courtesy and respect. Their constant care and concern made us feel that everything humanly possible was being done for our child. We all came away with a warm feeling toward your hospital. — From the mother of a former patient at Babies.



ANNUAL DOLLS' TEA HELD

A doll-nurse guest, attired as a Presbyterian Hospital Student Nurse, is admired by Mrs. John S. Tilney, President of the Board of Women Managers and Miss Elizabeth Callahan, Unit Manager at Babies Hospital, at the annual Dolls' Tea Party.

## Prizes Awarded for Best Decorated Yule Windows

First prizes in the 1962 Christmas Window Decorating Contest went to Ruth Bogan, PH-20 (West window, Blood Bank); Marilyn Stevens, PH-10E (Nurses Station); Mary Healy, NI-12 (Nurses Station); Lillian Vahey, VC-10 (Rooms 207 and 224), and Penelope Post, 10PH-4E.

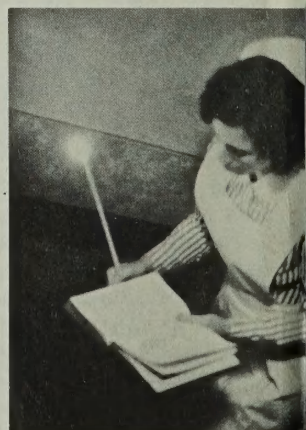
Winners of second prizes were Ellen L. Gubler, HP-10 (Nurses Station); Josephine Schneider, HP-8 (Right Side Nursery); Joan Murray, HP-3 (Nurses Station); Virginia Deery, BH-7-702 (Front Ward), and Miss Vahey, VC-10 (Room 232).

Honorable mention ribbons were awarded to the PH-10E Nurses Station; Janice Crow and Diane Smith, PH-8C (Solarium Door); Kristina Olsson, PH-8C (Right Ward Window); Trudi Haddon, HP-3 (Solarium); HP-7 Annex Nurses Station; Luis A. Yrizarry, BH-3 (Room 324); the Physical Therapy Department (BH-5 Ramp 530, P.T. Gym); Nutrition Department, Food Clinic (VC-223); Madeline Higgins (DOS-7-208), and Sue Smith, NI-3 (East Hall).

## CAROLING IS PART OF HOLIDAY



The Student Nurses Glee Club and Columbia's "Notes and Keys" entertains for proud parents and friends at their annual Christmas concert in Maxwell Hall.



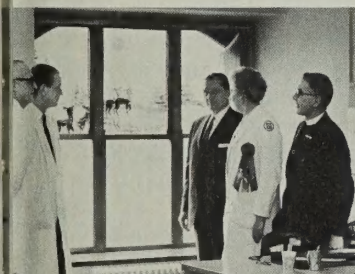


# GEANTRY AT HOSPITAL

## Children on the Orthopedic Floor Stage Traditional Nativity Play



Ilian Vahey, VC-10, receives Blue Ribbon.



First Prize "Picture Window" in the Blood Bank is admired.

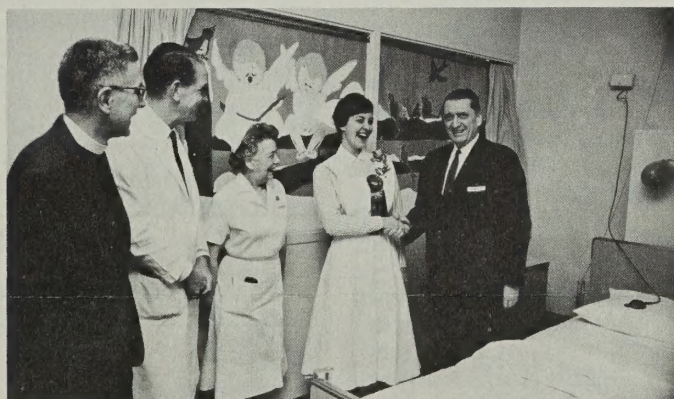
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"Silent Night, Holy Night," caroled by the Student Nurses, opens the Vesper Service in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel and the Christmas Season.

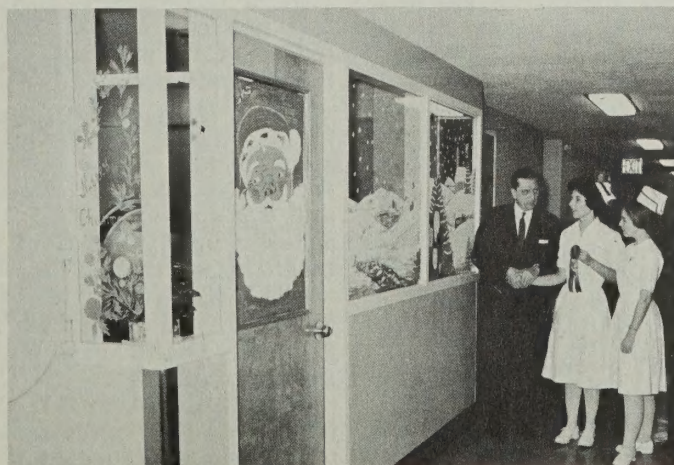


A small "Wise Man" is tucked into regal attire for his performance in the Children's Orthopedic Pageant, a Christmas tradition of Babies Hospital 5th Floor.

The Infant is shown by his adoring Mother in a Nativity Scene recreated throughout many parts of the hospital following the traditional Christmas Pageant presented by the children on the Orthopedic Floor.



Student Nurse Penelope Post is a First Prize winner for her painting on IOPH-4E.



Nurse Mary Healy on NI 12 was a Blue Ribbon winner and the award is accepted for her by Glenna McKay.



Christmas blessings are relayed by the angels in the Christmas pageant as they proceed through the Orthopedic floor to greet the patients.



## LONG LIBRARY

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There will be one floor below ground in which most of the books will be located on two stack levels, and three floors above ground to house the remaining stacks, the various reading and study rooms, and auxiliary facilities.

Major units of the library will include a periodical reading room, a general reading room, reserve room, and a reference and bibliography room.

### OTHER FACILITIES

Plans also call for seven seminar rooms—two of which have already been financed as commemorative gifts—40 single and double enclosed study cubicles, and 50 small study desks, to be located in the stacks.

A combination Lecture Audio-Visual Room will accommodate 40 persons. It is to be equipped with projection apparatus, micro-card and micro-film readers, copying devices, and tape recorders.

The public catalog and consultation area, loan desk, acquisition and cataloging room for preparation of new material, staff room, and administrative offices will complete the layout. A public address paging system will also be installed.

**The library will also house the famed Jerome P. Webster Plastic Surgery Collection of journals, books, reports and other unique visual records.**

"This internationally famous collection," explained Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, "is invaluable in the training of plastic surgeons who are bringing happier lives to victims of burns and other scarring accidents, benign and malignant growths, and natal deformities."

### HAS LONG HISTORY

The Medical Library was established in 1767 with a small collection of books provided by individuals at the School of Medicine of King's College, as Columbia was first known.

Many eminent medical scholars have studied in the library, including Dr. John Jones, the first professor of surgery at Columbia and physician to George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. He presented the library copies of his "Plain, Concise, Practical Remarks on the Treatment of Wounds and Fractures." It was published in 1775 and was the first military medical book written by an American.

Although the library's collection is composed primarily of current, up-to-date texts, journals, reports, and works of medical history, it owns some of the rarest classics of medicine, some valued at several thousand dollars.

For instance, it has the first edition of William Harvey's *De Motu Cordis*, published in 1628; a copy of *Mundinus Anatomia*, published in Rome in 1495, and the first and second editions of Vesalius' *De Fabrica* from 1543 and 1555.

### BOOK OF ELIXIRS

Even rarer, according to Librarian Thomas P. Fleming, is a unique prescription book from the University of Bologna, Italy, dating from the late 16th century. In the book the university physicians would request the secret elixirs to be made up by the pharmacists for patients.

When the library became part of the Medical Center in 1929, its collection consisted of 50,000 volumes. Today it has more than 250,000 bound volumes, of which more than 150,000 are serials and journals.

It currently receives more than 3,600 different scientific periodicals in 30 languages, and the rate of net growth is about 250 new titles a year. The annual net growth in bound volumes is roughly 8,000.

### A BUSY PLACE

Statistics indicate the library is heavily used. Last year more than 269,000 volumes were used, 53,000 were removed from the library, and 1,236 were loaned to other libraries in this country, Canada, and Europe.

### LIBRARY STUDENTS

The medical library is also a training school for medical librarians and in 22 years it has provided over 300 trained librarians and library directors for medical schools and medical centers in the United States and many overseas nations.

Because of the limitations of the present library, 100,000 books are crowded into stacks designed for 85,000, and 150,000 other volumes are stored elsewhere, including 40,000 in a former milk processing plant on 125th Street.

Mr. Fleming said that about 50,000 valuable, but rarely-used books will be transferred in time to the new Medical Library Center of New York, which is being completed on East 102nd Street. It is expected to open late this fall.

## Librarian Fleming

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for reading books that are available free belongs here in the library."

So she gave him a job in the Massillon library's Children's Room.

"And I was even paid," Mr. Fleming said. "Twenty cents an hour, which wasn't bad in those days."

From Massillon, a city on the Tuscarawas River 30 miles south of Akron, Tom Fleming went on to Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

### ZOOLOGY AND CAR SPRINGS

He majored in zoology, worked in the college library, also labored on an assembly line in a factory that manufactured automobile springs.

"That factory was quite a place," he commented. "Overnight they used to speed up the darn assembly belt, figuring we'd never know the difference. We knew."

Zoology seems like a strange major for a future librarian, but a career in library work hadn't even occurred to him at the time.

"I wanted to be a physician and was planning to go on to medical school," Mr. Fleming explained. "But my graduation year was 1929. You know what that meant: the Depression at its worst. I had to get any idea of graduate school out of my head—fast."

"I didn't know quite what to do next. Then the librarian at Western Reserve, for whom I'd worked, offered me a full scholarship if I'd go to library school. I accepted. I would have gone to hairdressing school at the time if I were promised full tuition."

### A THIRD DEGREE

It took him just a year to complete courses at the graduate school of library science at Western Reserve. Armed with his new degree, he started work in the college library. In his spare time he picked up another degree—master of science in biology.

In 1932 he went to the University of Minnesota as head of the library's acquisitions department and instructor in bibliography at the library school. Five years later he took over the P & S Medical Library.

**Although many persons don't realize it, he also has charge of four other Columbia libraries: the Psychology Library, the Botany-Zoology Library, the Geology Library, and the Geosciences Library**

at the old Lamont estate in Palisade, N. Y.

Slight of build, dapper of dress, meticulous of grooming, Tom Fleming presides over his libraries with lively wit, vigorous enthusiasm, and remarkable efficiency.

### LARGEST IN U.S.

Since he assumed leadership of the Medical Library, its book census increased from 75,000 bound volumes to 250,000, making it the largest medical library in any American medical center.

One service provided by the library that makes him very proud is the Bibliographic Service, which he started in 1938. Subscribers to the service, for a small fee, are provided with all articles printed anywhere that concern their special field.

**Twenty three years ago he inaugurated a program of Education for Medical Librarianship at Columbia. Since then, all professional librarians under him in the library are graduates of this program.**

World War II provided Mr. Fleming with many unusual experiences. Because of a British blockade of material leaving Germany and occupied countries, supplies of valuable scientific publications were cut off.

### BROWSING IN BERMUDA

The various library associations in the United States joined to find a solution to the problem. They formed a Joint Committee on Importations and selected Mr. Fleming as chairman. All organizations desiring publications from enemy or occupied nations joined the group.

"The British used to drop

all the confiscated publications in Bermuda," Mr. Fleming recalled. "I'd go down, look through heap after heap, and select items that members requested."

Later he was named a consultant to the government's Office of The Alien Property Custodian, which was reprinting German publications. Mr. Fleming recommended those which were worth reprinting.

After the war, in 1946, he went to Germany as the British Zone of Occupation representative of the Library of Congress Cooperative Acquisitions Committee to find out what had been published during the war years that would be valuable to scholars and scientists.

### "JEEP" DIPLOMACY

In the face of British military indifference and German civilian reluctance, he used a peculiar but effective diplomacy based to a large degree on pineapple juice and a jeep (both helpful in winning the cooperation of British officers), and was able to ship to America several hundred thousand pieces of printed matter.

Sometimes Mr. Fleming finds it difficult to realize, but a quarter of a century has elapsed since he began at Columbia. His friends didn't overlook the milestone though. In September a couple hundred of them turned out for a party marking his 25th anniversary here.

**In February he's going on a sabbatical leave to Japan. He will be visiting professor of library science through July at the Japan Library School, University of Keio, Tokyo.**

## Mrs. Alfreda Clarke Recalls Her Days With Anna Maxwell

Memories of Anna Maxwell, the old Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, and 15 years' service to the Medical Center were with Mrs. Alfreda Clarke December 14, the final day before her retirement.

Mrs. Clarke, nurse in charge of the diagnostic examining room on the fifth floor of Neurological Institute, was a member of P.H. School of Nursing's Class of 1921. This was the last class to graduate under Miss Maxwell, often called "the Florence Nightingale of American nursing."

"Miss Maxwell was extremely strict," recalled Mrs. Clarke, "but we nurses were all the better for it. Discipline hurts no one."

### "DON'T DATE DOCTORS"

"I remember she always stressed that we were in school to absorb knowledge and our thoughts were not to be on the outside world. She also forbade that we date doctors—although I managed to marry one."

"In a class on nursing ethics one day, Miss Maxwell contended that all of us came to the hospital to 'get or forget' a man. She went from girl to girl and asked 'Did you come here to get or forget?' I was daydreaming about the doctor who became my husband. When she asked whether I had come to get or forget, I thought she meant knowledge, so I said, 'to get.'"

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## 3 MORE NURSES STAR ON TV QUIZ PROGRAMS

Directors of television quiz shows apparently consider the Medical Center's Department of Nursing as a treasure-house for potential contestants.

Recently three more nursing personnel went before network TV cameras.

Jane Housley, 22, a staff nurse on PH-5W, and Diann Irvine, 22, of the Neurological Institute operating room staff, appeared on "Password," and first-year nursing student Linda Jane Kornet, 20, was a participant on "The Price Is Right."

### CLOTHING IS REWARD

As was reported in November *Stethoscope*, another Presbyterian nurse, Virginia Lee Humphrey, appeared on two earlier "Price Is Right" shows, winning everything but the TV camera.

Miss Kornet, who lives in Ridgewood, N. J., and attended Mount Holyoke College for two years before entering the school of nursing last September, appeared on "Price Is Right" Nov. 30. She won a matching outfit of clothes valued at \$150 and a liberal supply of French perfume.

Miss Housley appeared on "Password" Nov. 19 and 20, first with Douglas Fairbanks Jr. as her partner, then with Phyllis McGuire of the singing McGuire Sisters. She won both games—not to mention a technicolor movie projector and \$450 in cash.



Linda Jane Kornet

On a later "Password" show, Miss Irvine won \$50 with comedian Jack Paar as a partner.

Miss Irvine and Miss Housley were graduated together in 1961 from Knapp College of Nursing, Santa Barbara, Cal., and are now room mates here.

All the young ladies obtained their show tickets from the Presbyterian Hospital Nursing Office.



Jane Housley

## MRS. CLARKE

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The man Mrs. Clarke married was Dr. Edward Wight Clarke, a 1919 graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

"He was a surgical intern at Presbyterian at the time. We used to keep in touch by passing notes, and we'd often meet on street corners. On one date at a theater, we were even seen by two head nurses, but they never told on us.

"When I went to Miss Maxwell with the news that I was engaged, she apparently forgot her rule against dating physicians. 'My dear,' she said, 'I'm very pleased for you.' Under the stern exterior, she had a very soft heart."

Six months after her graduation, she married Dr. Clarke. They had two daughters and 24 happy

years of wedlock before he died in 1946.

### RETURN TO NURSING

Soon after, Mrs. Clarke returned to nursing. She joined the staff of Vanderbilt Clinic, serving eight years there, including five as head nurse in the Eye Clinic. Then she transferred to Neurological Institute.

Retirement, in Mrs. Clarke's philosophy, is "like graduating into another era of life."

To prepare for this graduation, she has been taking courses in hotel management, travel arrangements, and hospitality. She's now awaiting an assignment from the school.

"I'm looking to this new phase of my life with great interest. I'll be working with people, and I'm sure I'll enjoy it."

## Bill Meister, Called "Mr. Presbyterian," Retires

Well-wishers by the hundreds, a continuous stream of them, flowed into the basement of Vanderbilt Clinic November 30 to pay tribute to William Meister, retiring as assistant supervisor of the Medical Center's Protective Department.

The day marked the completion of exactly 30 years of service to the Center for Mr. Meister, who began here as a special officer December 1, 1932.

One of the best-known and most popular employees of the hospital, Mr. Meister was, for a number of years in the late 1930's, the protective officer at the main entrance to Presbyterian Hospital. He was such a familiar figure there that many people took to calling him "Mr. Presbyterian."

### A SPIRITED STORY

Mr. Meister, who is noted for his sense of humor, has several anecdotes gleaned from his three decades here that he delights in telling.

For example, he recalls that in the early 1930's, the Broadway entrance to Babies Hospital basement used to be open at night. One evening a chap who was slightly the worst for spirits mistook the hospital stairs for a subway entrance and was reeling around in search of the train platform.

"I told him he was in the wrong place, and began helping him back up the stairs. He was indignant. 'Well,' he mumbled, 'If you're going to throw me out, least you can do is give me my nickel back!'"

During World War I, Bill Meister was in the U. S. Navy as part of the mine-laying fleet known as "the iron men and wooden ships."

### PRESIDENTIAL PRAISE

"My ship was the Shawmut, which formerly belonged to the old Fall River Line. It was once one of the night boats that transported passengers between New York and Boston in the old days."

"Ships of this type laid 55,000 mines in the waters from Scotland to Norway before the Armistice. After the war, the same ships had the more dangerous task of sweeping up the mines again. But I was discharged before then and missed out on that."

Back in civilian life just a couple of years, he grew restless and re-enlisted in the Navy in 1920. In January,

1921, he participated in the first trip through the Panama Canal by the entire Atlantic Fleet.

"It was regarded as quite an accomplishment at the time," Mr. Meister indicated. "President Harding thought it so significant that he met the fleet in Lima, Peru, and congratulated us."

### PARTY IS JAN. 24

When Mr. Meister began at the Medical Center in 1932, he considered his work as "a Depression job." But he came to enjoy it so much in a short time that he never thought of leaving. "The people I worked with made the difference, I think," he said. "They're

always been pleasant, efficient, and easy to work with."

A native New Yorker, Mr. Meister lives in Rego Park, L. I., with his wife, the former Millicent Simmonds. They have a son and three grandchildren in Douglaston, L. I.

In retirement, he will work part time as a ticket taker at a legitimate theater on Broadway.

"Best of all, when the alarm clock jangles early in the morning, I can throw a shoe at it."

Friends of Mr. Meister will honor him officially at a going-away party January 24 in Harkness Hall. The date coincides with his 65th birthday.

### A Doctor's Smile Lingers in Memory

## Hospital Experience Inspires Little Schoolgirl's Composition

*A first visit to a large hospital as a patient is an awesome experience for a child. Ten-year-old Christine Marks of Garrison, N. Y., was so impressed by her attending physician and the Medical Center during a recent hospitalization that she wrote an excellent composition on the subject as a classroom assignment.*

*The little girl's composition is reprinted here to illustrate what a smile and word of kindness meant to Christine.*

This is the story of how I met my doctor and why I think he is a special adult.

About a year ago I was riding down the road on my horse, B-B, when something must have startled him. He doesn't usually misbehave because he is a very gentle horse, but this time he reared, and I fell off. I don't remember too much after that except that I woke up in a friend's house, and everybody looked worried.

### PARENTS WORRIED

Pretty soon I started getting terrible headaches. They were so painful that I cried when they came. My mother and my father kept looking worried all the time, and that scared me. My teacher in school kept getting upset when I had a headache.

By the time my parents took me to Neurological Institute in New York City, the headaches were very very bad. If you have never been to a gigantic place like Neurological Institute in New York City, then you don't know how afraid you can be. It is SO big, and there are all these busy people running all over the place.

My parents told me I was to see the doctor but I didn't know what he was going to do to me. Some doctors hurt you with needles and some growl at you and tell you to sit still, so I didn't know what he was going to do.

### SUNNY SMILE

He came out in a long white coat, and he looked so big! Then he smiled. I have never seen a smile like that ever anyplace on anybody. It made me feel like he had turned on the sunshine even though it was a rainy day.

He shook hands with me, and I wasn't a bit scared anymore. He called me "woman," and I said, "I'm not a woman. I'm a tomboy." He laughed. So then I knew he was my friend.

He put me in Babies Hospital, and of course he fixed my headaches. That is important, but the really important part is the kind of special person he is. He is so gentle and kind and he loves children.

I still write to him, and I love him because he is one of my special adults.



## RETIRED TEACHER COMPLETES DECADE AS VOLUNTEER; HER RECORD: 6,000 HOURS OF SERVICE; 2,000 HOURS' SUBWAY COMMUTING TIME

Miss Elsie Mitsch took a leave of absence ten years ago from her teaching post in Glendale, Queens, to see if she would enjoy volunteer work in the Medical Center.

All available evidence indicates she loves it.

Although she is now retired, Miss Mitsch could be earning \$34 a day as a substitute teacher in Glendale, which is next to her home-

town of Ridgewood. Instead, two days a week for the past decade she has made the long subway trip from her Queens home to donate her services to the hospital.

During this period, she has logged almost 6,000 hours as a volunteer—and 2,000 hours in subway commuting time.

"I hate to think of a time when I couldn't continue working here," she said. "Presbyterian Hospital has become a major part of my life."

### TAUGHT 2,500 PUPILS

As has been indicated, Miss Mitsch never returned to teaching after her leave of absence. She retired in 1953 after 35 years in the classrooms.

Born of German parents in a predominately German neighborhood on the lower East Side of Manhattan, Miss Mitsch attended Hunter College and received a bachelor of arts degree in 1917. Later she was awarded the degree of master of arts by the New York Board of Education for additional courses taken at Hunter, New York University, and Fordham.

She began teaching in 1917 and, before retiring,

had helped educate over 2,500 pupils. Her experiences and observations have given her some very decided ideas about modern education and educators.

She strongly opposes teacher strikes. She is apprehensive about declining discipline in the classroom. She regrets a growing lack of parental support for teachers in teacher-pupil relations.

With these points in mind, Miss Mitsch admits she wouldn't want to start a teaching career today.

### HER BACKGROUND HELPS

But her background is helpful in many phases of the work she does in the Medical Center. For instance, one of the subjects she taught was sewing. (She still makes most of her own clothes, often makes clothes for friends).

This experience with sewing aids her in her once-a-week role as occupational therapist among expectant and new mothers in Sloane Hospital.

"I help the mothers make baby's clothing, decorated pillows, stuffed dolls, and other items. It helps them keep occupied and when they leave, they bring home



Miss Elsie Mitsch

not only a new baby, but also dolls and other toys for the older children," she explained.

"I've been working in Sloane so long that I often see girls I've gotten to know returning to have another baby. They show me pictures of their previous babies and we have a good talk. It's like seeing an old friend again."

Showing a great deal of versatility, Miss Mitsch also helps out in two entirely different capacities.

### A WONDERFUL FEELING

Two mornings a week she is the registrar in the Vanderbilt Clinic's Prepared Childbirth Program for expectant mothers and fathers, maintaining records, answering telephone inquiries, and performing other clerical duties.

And on Wednesday afternoon in the Eye Clinic, she conducts preliminary vision tests on patients before they visit a doctor.

Like most of our dedicated volunteers, Miss Mitsch reveals a very benevolent nature when expressing her sentiments toward her duties here.

"At the end of the day you know you've helped people," she said, "and you go home at night with such a wonderful feeling."

## 3 Males Among 22 Graduates Of Aide Course

Twenty-two persons, including the first three men ever to complete the program, have been graduated from the six-week Red Cross Nurses Aide course at the Medical Center.

Their addition brings to 45 the number of RCNA's enrolled for hospital service, according to Mrs. Marguerite Stein, Director of Volunteers.

The three men are all students at Columbia University who hope to become doctors. They are Morton Levine, Robert Rosenfeld, and Richard Sloane, all of whom will be assigned as orderlies.

A mother and daughter are also among the graduates. Mrs. Edna Broadhurst has been assigned to PH-9. Her daughter, Ellen, works on PH-12.

### FORMER VOLUNTEERS

Six of the graduates were previously volunteers in other capacities, including four now assigned to the Eye Institute: Miss Florence Crowe, Miss Eleanor Freyer, Miss Rita Majud, and Mrs. Regina Schefflan. Austrian-born Edith Sommerer, who had been a receptionist in Vanderbilt Clinic, has been assigned to PH-9. Miss Gisele Reiche, a native of Germany, has been assigned to Neurological Institute, 4th floor. She was a floor clerk on PH-5.

Others with assignments are Joanne D'Amico, PH-5; Gail Fleischman, PH-11; Yvonne Quinn, BH-5; Mary Siomkos, NI-4W, and Linda Ulrich, PH-12.

Graduates awaiting assignment are Mrs. Betty Marie Halper, Mrs. Nina Iacona, Mrs. Catherine Knapp, Dorothy McCann, and Hilda Sosa.

The class was instructed by Miss Rebecca Perkovich of the nursing staff of the Eye Institute.

## Dr. Moya Accepts U. of Miami Post



Dr. Frank Moya

Dr. Frank Moya, assistant professor of anesthesiology and assistant attending anesthesiologist, has resigned his Medical Center appointments to become professor and chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

In a medical specialty noted for its youthful leaders, Dr. Moya, 33, will be one of the nation's youngest full-time chairmen of a university department of anesthesiology.

### 4 YEARS AT SLOANE

Dr. Moya's special research interest is in the area of anesthesia for obstetrics and the effects of anesthesia on the mother and newborn. In little more than four years as Director of the Anesthesiology Service at Sloane Hospital, he has become a foremost authority in this field.

He is author of numerous articles on anesthesia, obstetrics, and the emergency care of the newborn, and has contributed to several textbooks.

Dr. Moya assumed his Miami University post on December 1.



WORLD PRESIDENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS VISITS CENTER

Miss Ingrid Pahlsson, seated at right, who was elected president of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists at the organization's international congress this year, recently paid a visit to the Medical Center's occupational therapy facilities. With Miss Pahlsson, a citizen of Denmark, are, seated left, Mary Louise Franciscus, director of occupational therapy courses at Columbia, and, standing left to right, Gerda Paul, director of occupational therapy, and Martha Schnebly, associate director of occupational therapy courses. During the congress, Miss Franciscus was elected first vice president of the World Federation.

Others representing the Medical Center at the congress, held in Philadelphia, were Mrs. Eleanor Shelly, Mrs. Dorothy Weiser, Diane Hopsia and Mrs. Susan Millman, occupational therapy department; Mrs. Adaide Deutsch, Mrs. Janet Vandiveer and Johanna Miller, occupational therapy school staff; Mrs. Gail Fidler and Mrs. Alice Trei, Psychiatric Institute staff, and Mary Callahan and Ruth Dickinson, physical therapy school staff.

Following the congress, six one-week study courses were given, including one coordinated by Miss Schnebly at Columbia, "Approaches to Treatment of Patients with Neuromuscular Dysfunction."

## Miss L. R. Hewson Honored Dec. 27 By N. I. Colleagues

Miss Louise R. Hewson, retiring as chief clinical psychologist in Neurological Institute, was honored by her many friends and associates at a reception Dec. 27 in the Neurological Conference Room.

Miss Hewson, who has served the Medical Center for 25 years, was interviewed for an article in this edition of Stethoscope. Unfortunately, due to space limitations caused by Christmas pictures and stories, the account of Miss Hewson's interview will be held over until next month.





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## TEAMWORK AIDS ALL PHASES OF CEREBRAL PALSY CLINIC

A few short decades ago neurologists considered cerebral palsy—an affliction caused by brain damage—a fairly hopeless situation. Times have changed, according to Dr. Sidney Carter, director of child neurology at Neurological Institute.

"This doesn't mean there is some dramatic cure for the condition," Dr. Carter emphasized. "There is still too little known about its origin. However, efforts to learn more about its causes, preventive measures, and attempts at ameliorative therapy have expanded tremendously."

Today, at Columbia-Presbyterian alone, the triad of forces found only in a Medical Center—treatment, research,

and medical education—is committed to an impressive program against this baffling condition, which afflicts some 26,000 infants annually.

Evaluation and treatment of cerebral palsy patients are provided in the multi-disciplined Pediatric Cerebral Palsy Clinic. Here Dr. Milton Singer, a pediatrician and director of the Clinic, and representatives from the department of neurology, physical medicine, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, dental and oral surgery as well as a psychologist, speech therapist, physical therapist and social service worker work to map out comprehensive symptomatic therapy for each of the clinic's 469 patients.

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### Held Office Only A Day

## Mrs. Bruce Brodie Succumbs; Was New Head of N.I. Auxiliary

Mrs. Laurene (Rolf) Brodie, new Chairman of the Neurological Institute Auxiliary, died Jan. 18 at her home in Plandome, L. I.

She had been elected to the Auxiliary's top office less than 24 hours before her death.

She has been succeeded as chairman by Mrs. Edward B. Schlesinger, who was vice-chairman elect.

Mrs. Brodie became a member of the Social Service Standing Committee of Neurological Institute, forerunner of the Auxiliary, in 1939. For three years she also belonged to the old Vanderbilt Clinic Auxiliary.

### CORPORATION MEMBER

For a number of years she was chairman of the N.I. Auxiliary's Library Committee and had been vice-chairman of the Auxiliary since 1958. She was also co-director of the organization's efforts for the Medical Center Development Fund Campaign.

She was elected a member of the Corporation of Presbyterian Hospital in 1951.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Brodie were held Jan. 21 in

Christ Church, Manhasset.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce; a son, Donald, who is a student in Switzerland; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rolf of St. David's, Penna., and a sister, Mrs. Karl Winsmore of Pittsburgh, Penna.



NAMED TRUSTEE

Dr. Dana W. Atchley, consultant in medicine and emeritus professor of clinical medicine, has been elected a charter trustee of Rutgers University. He will serve on the college board for five years. Dr. Atchley was attending physician at Presbyterian Hospital and professor of clinical medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons when he retired in 1958 after a distinguished career that spanned four decades.

## 18 P. H. Employees Return to School With Weinberg Aid

Eighteen employees of Presbyterian Hospital will return to the classrooms this Spring with financial assistance from the Sidney J. Weinberg Educational Aid Reimbursement Plan.

Fifteen of the part-time students are candidates for degrees, including four for Masters, six for Bachelors, and five for Associates in Arts.

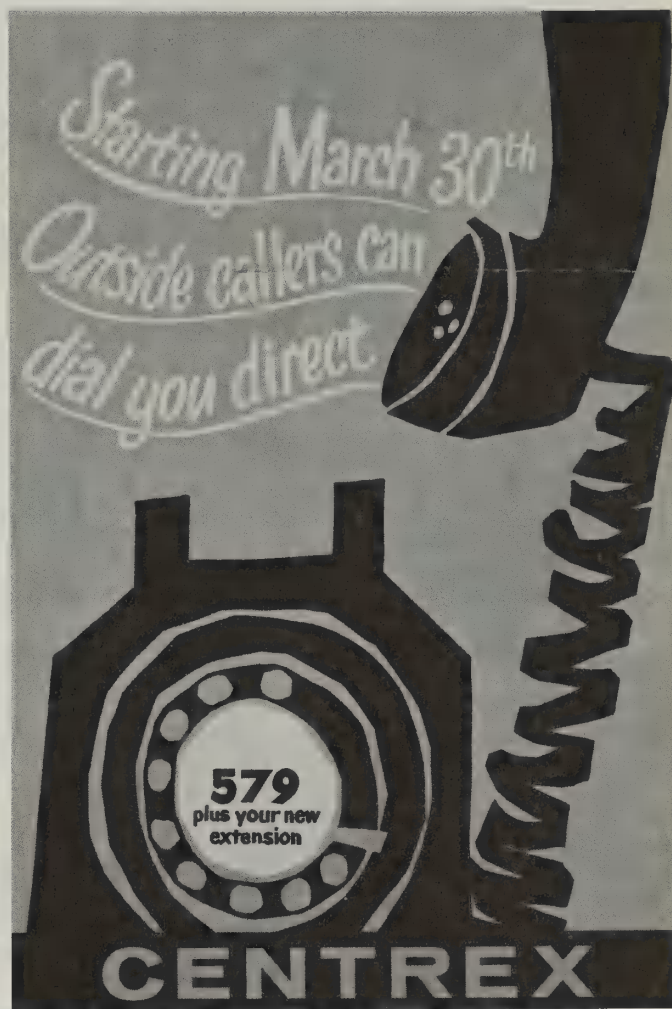
Employees whose applications were approved are Miss Sara Bragin, physical therapist; James V. Campion, admitting clerk, Harkness front office; Miss Patricia Cassman, laboratory technician; Miss Margaret Corley, X-ray technician; Miss Winifred Critchley and Miss Carol Greer, both laboratory technicians.

### OTHER STUDENTS

Also, Richard Dempsey, office boy, Accounting Department; Emmeth Hendricksen, laboratory messenger; Miss Diane Hopsia, occupational therapist; Miss Grace Hostetter, diet aide; Miss Carole Hughes, receptionist, Personnel Office, and Patrick Meehan, senior clerk, Harkness front

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## Classes, Posters to Acquaint Personnel With Centrex Use



THIS IS THE FIRST of five posters that will remind Medical Center personnel that CENTREX arrives here March 30th.

An intensive program aimed at preparing employees for the change-over to the new Centrex telephone system will be launched this month throughout the Medical Center.

## BADGE NO. 1 IS RETIRED

Badge Number One will never be worn again by a member of the Medical Center's Protective Department.

It has been retired, according to Lt. James A. Sheridan, department supervisor.

"Badge Number One was worn with respectful pride by Bill Meister for many years," he said. "Now that

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The ultra-modern system, which features direct inward and outward dialing, is scheduled to go into general use here on March 30.

Techniques for familiarizing personnel with Centrex will include indoctrination classes, posters, tent-cards, bulletins, and a comprehensive article in next month's issue of *Stethoscope*.

Classes featuring non-technical instruction in the use of Centrex will be held beginning Feb. 18 for all extension users. The lectures will be conducted by a special team familiar with Centrex operation.

Department supervisors will be responsible for having all extension users in their sections attend these lectures.

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Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox.

## STETHOSCOPIA

Cupid is around these February days. Even before the 14th, the day of hearts and flowers, he's snared *Patricia Napoli*, nurse in Cystoscopy, who has announced her engagement to Mr. Michael Hozer; *Nancy Stack*, nurse on Babies tenth floor, who is engaged to Mr. Jerry Leslie; *Mary Peyton*, secretary to Dr. Thomas Sullivan, who will marry Mr. Richard Shulman in April; *Joan Hollis*, Dental School, who will marry Mr. William Muller in the fall; *Marjorie Holgerson* and *Richard Salvatore*, both in IBM Unit, who will marry in August, and *Kenneth Konstalid*, IBM Unit, who is engaged to Miss Cathy Napolitano.

Congratulations to Mrs. *Julie Neuhaus* in the Payroll Unit, who welcomed her first granddaughter recently. The bairn is named Suzanne.

New additions to the Social Service staff include *Beverly Fisher*, assigned to Psychiatry; *Arlene Gordon*, assigned to ENT, and Mrs. *Annabelle Torres*, clerical staff. Hello, you all!

There's a newcomer in the Dental School. Welcome, *Janice Mitchell*!

Mrs. *Rosemary Cook* (nee Newland), former secretary to Dr. C. R. Wise, is the delighted mother of twin boys, Christopher Joseph and Stephen Edward, born on January 24.

Mr. and Mrs. *Edward Maybruk*, Volunteers, whose wedding took place in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel in September 1961, are vacationing in California until April.

Mrs. *Sarah Bielasky*, Volunteer, returned recently from a vacation in Florida and Nassau. She was a passenger on the Empress of Bahama with some of the "Bay of Pigs" prisoners returning to the U. S.

Miss *Ruth B. Wood*, Volunteer, graduate of PH School of Nursing, '11, is on a 56-day Mediterranean cruise.

Most distant of our travelers are Dr. and Mrs. *Douglas G. Potts*, who are on their way to New Zealand to visit Dr. Potts' family. Mrs. Potts is the former *Anne Frank*, Physical Therapist. Dr. Potts is an Assistant Radiologist.

The office staff of the Maintenance and Construction Department recently feted Mrs. *Margaret Mucilli* on her twentieth anniversary with the hospital. Many more happy years, Mrs. M!

Miss *Elizabeth Schilling*, first cook at Mary Harkness Unit, retired recently. All best wishes from all of us!

A recent visitor to Mary Harkness Unit was Dr. Meher Writer, Deputy Assistant Director General of Health Service from New Delhi, India.

An amusing note from Mary Harkness Unit: a seeming stranger was seen prowling around the grounds and, since there had been a few such visitors reported, the secretary asked Rye Town Police to investigate. Officers discovered the prowler to be none other than Mrs. *Pryor*, Unit Food Manager, who was gathering pinecones for decorations. Whose face was red?

A sad note: Dr. Francis Xavier Dufault of Athol, Mass., father of Claude Dufault of Public Interest, died last week. Our condolences to his wife and four sons.

Miss *Marion Cleveland*, Director of Nursing Service, and Mrs. *Mary Ericson*, Director of Study Project, attended the seminar on Operations Research Techniques, sponsored by the United Hospital Fund.

Miss *Janet Swanson*, Administrative Assistant in the Nursing Department, is now supervisor on the 14th floor, Presbyterian Hospital.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

The Third Annual Symposium of the Joint Meeting of the New York Neurological Society and the Neurological Institute will be held on February 12 at 8:30 p.m. in the New York State Psychiatric Institute Auditorium.

Chairman is Dr. H. Houston Merritt, Director of the Service of Neurology. Participating will be Drs. *Malcolm Carpenter*, Assistant Attending Neurologist; *Dominick P. Purpura*, Associate Professor Neurological Surgery; *Edgar M. Housepian*, Assistant Attending Neurological Surgeon; *R. C. Duvoisin*, Assistant Attending Neurologist; *E. M. Stadlin*, Visiting Fellow in Neurology; *Abner Wolf*, Attending Neuropathologist, and *Melvin D. Yahr*, Attending Neurologist. Those planning to attend the Symposium are requested to make reservations with Dr. *Edward B. Schlesinger* at Neurological Institute, before February 7.

Dr. *Herbert Rackow*, Associate Attending Anesthesiologist, was a discussor on Problems of Anesthesia in Otolaryngology, at a recent combined meeting of the Section on Anesthesiology and Resuscitation with the Section on Otolaryngology at the New York Academy of Medicine.



Dr. Herbert Rackow

A Scientific Program supported by the New York City Cancer Committee of the American Cancer Society, Inc. will be given at Francis Delafield Hospital on four Saturday mornings in February, from 10 to 11, in the Auditorium.

The February 2nd session will

be "Immunochemical Studies or the Constituents of Cells and Tissues," presented by Dr. (Ph.D.) *Pierre Grabar*, Institut de Recherches Scientifiques sur le Cancer, Villejuif, France. February 9th will feature "Studies of Polypeptide: Synthesis with Reticulocyte Ribosomes," presented by Dr. *Richard S. Schweet*, University of Kentucky; on February 10th, "Virus-induced Enzymes" will be presented by Dr. (Ph.D.) *Seymour S. Cohen*, University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine; and on February 23rd, "Studies on Cellular Antigenic Changes Associated with Tumor Virus Infection" will be presented by Dr. *Robert E. Bases*, California Institute of Technology.

Dr. *Niels L. Low*, Assistant Attending Neurologist, was elected treasurer of the American Epilepsy Society at the recent annual meeting of the society in New York.

Dr. *Kermit L. Pines*, Associate Attending in Medicine, presented "Newer Concepts in Diabetes" at a recent scientific session of the Rudolf Virchow Medical Society.

Dr. *Stanley Lesse*, Assistant Attending Neurologist, was moderator on a panel discussion, "The Image of the Teacher," at a recent meeting of The Association for the Advancement of Psychotherapy.

Dr. *Dickinson W. Richards*, Lambert Professor of Medicine, Emeritus, College of Physicians and Surgeons, delivered the paper of the evening at the recent Thoracic Disease Conference at Mount Sinai Hospital. It was entitled "The clinical management of severe pulmonary insufficiency."

Dr. *Raymond Vande Wiele*, Associate Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, presented a paper, "Androgen production in the ovaries," at a January 25th meeting of the New York Gynecological Society.

Dr. *Hans Popper*, Professor of Pathology, lectured on "Immuno-logic hepatic injury" at a recent meeting of the New York Pathological Society.

Dr. *Robert C. Darling*, Director of Service, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, will take part in the Stroke Conference—Rehabilitation, Management and Prevention in Chicago, February 14-16.

Mrs. *Marion Richardson Thompson*, former supervisor on 12th floor, Presbyterian is now Administrative Assistant, Inservice Education, Nursing Department.

Promotions in the Nursing Department include: *Linda W. Brokaw* to Head Nurse, Operating Room; *Clara Ling* to Supervisor, Presbyterian Hospital Operating Room; *Sheila Kilcullen* to Head Nurse, Sloane; *Judith Davidson* to Head Nurse, Presbyterian; *Virginia Cudak* to Head Nurse, Presbyterian Operating Room; *Carol Albers* to Head Nurse, Neurological Operating Room; *Mrs. Jean O'Leary* to Head Nurse, Eye Institute Operating Room; *Maureen McClane* to Head Nurse, Neurological Operating Room; *Carol Smith* to Head Nurse, Presbyterian Hospital, and *Nancy Stack* to Head Nurse, Babies Hospital.

We apologize. The second prize for the Christmas window on Harkness 8 Nursery was awarded to Jane Sutton.

And a Happy Valentine's Day to all!



## 1st Japanese Grad Of P & S Returns For A Brief Visit

Dr. Tatsuo Kibata, 70, the first Japanese graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, toured the Medical Center recently for the first time in 31 years.

A member of the Class of 1920, Dr. Kibata is director of the 400-bed Hiratsuka Hyosai Hospital, located in Hiratsuka City, about an hour's drive from Tokyo.

He said his hospital, which recently opened a new 100-bed addition, will add another 100-bed unit next year. He was in the United States on a two-month visit to study American health insurance programs and methods of hospital administration.

### MOVED BY FACILITIES

Obviously impressed by the size and facilities of the Medical Center, Dr. Kibata exclaimed after a tour: "We have nothing like this in Japan."

His last visit to the Medical Center was in 1931 when, he said, construction was still in progress. He was surprised to see more new buildings going up.

Dr. Kibata said he was one of the first citizens of Japan to come to the United States for his medical education. Before World War II, he said, "most Japanese went to Germany to study medicine. But now all the young medical students want to go to the United States."

## DR. WILLIAM SNOW TO RECEIVE ACADEMY'S GOLDEN KEY AWARD

Dr. William Benham Snow, a specialist in physical medicine, will be cited for his work in the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped at the 28th annual dinner of the Pan-American Academy of General Practice on April 17.

A consultant to Presbyterian Hospital and professor emeritus of physical medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Snow is one of three members of the medical profession who will be awarded the Academy's Golden Key Award.

At the time of his retirement from the Medical Center in 1960, Dr. Snow was Director of Physical and Occupational Therapy and Professor of Physical Medicine. He was also attending

## With Just A Length of Wire He Delights Sick Children

Volunteer Bill Cooper is populating the Medical Center with hundreds of colorful little "people"—all made of wire.

They peer from pockets of young patients in Babies Hospital, perch on the lapels of female employees, and showed up recently at an Auxiliary luncheon holding place cards.

Versatile, attractive, and fun-loving, they come in all the colors of the spectrum and look very much like miniature calypso dancers.

It was about a year ago when the first little figure appeared here at the Center. Mr. Cooper made it for a delighted child in Babies Hospital. Since then, as a Volunteer in the Hospital's T.L.C. (Tender Loving Care) Program, he's created them by the thousands. He even teaches the youngsters to make them.

### EASILY MADE

"They're really simple to make," he explained. "All you need are a pair of fingernail clippers, some scraps of pliable wire covered with colored plastic, and a bit of patience."

"The average eight-year-old child can be taught to make them in ten minutes. It's something they enjoy doing, because they can see accomplishment in a very short time. I think that's important. Children lose interest in things quickly if they don't seem to be getting anywhere."

Mr. Cooper believes that making the wire figures is

good therapy for sick youngsters.

"It takes their minds off their problems," he said. "Even more important, after they've finished, they can give the figures to their nurses or to women relatives for lapel pins. And they make nice play-things for themselves or their sisters or brothers."

"You'd be surprised how the figures challenge the imaginations of the children. The wire is flexible, so the bodies, legs, and arms can be twisted to any pose. Boys make them assume the positions of baseball players. In the hands of little girls they become graceful ballerinas."

### ACTIVE IN SCOUTING

An employee of the Allied Management Corp., the 51-year-old Mr. Cooper has been assigned as maintenance job manager at the *New York Mirror* for 13 years. He is also the newspaper's Boy Scout representative.

Incidentally, Mr. Cooper is very active in the Scouting movement, as are his wife, son, and daughter. He is holder of the Silver Beaver, highest award for Scout leaders, presented him by the Greater New York Council, Boy Scouts of America.

"In fact," he admitted, "the inspiration for making the wire figures came from the Scouts. It's an old trick of theirs. I learned it at a Boy Scout pow-wow, a meeting of adult Scout leaders."

Whenever he isn't working or engaged in Scout activities, Mr. Cooper is here as a Volunteer—usually from 5 to 8:30 evenings, and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. In less than a year, he has contributed almost 500 hours of service.

### DAUGHTER HELPS TOO

Another member of the Cooper family, 16-year-old daughter Judy Ann, also volunteers in the Babies' recreational area. A senior at New York's High School of Music and Art, she makes paper birds and animals for the youngsters.

"She teaches them to make the wire figures too," Mr. Cooper added.



HE WORKS . . . SOMEONE WATCHES

One of Bill Cooper's tiny creations supervises the work as the Volunteer produces another of his familiar wire figures.

So long has Mr. Cooper been creating his little people that the technique is almost automatic. He makes them by the dozens, for instance, while sitting and watching television. His quick, deft fingers turn them out at the rate of one every three minutes. "It's very

relaxing," he said.

Recently, due to a pinched nerve in his spine, he was in traction in a bed at Neurological Institute. Even this handicap failed to hinder his production. He made 500 of the little wire men for decorations on children's Christmas packages.

## Weinberg Fund

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office.

Also, Charles Orlando, accountant; Miss Loretta Perkins, medical technologist; Miss Edith Rodriques, physical therapist; Thomas Rowe, accountant; Miss Rosemary Scully, supervisor, physical therapy, and Walter Wilson, laboratory technician.

The 18 will study at 10 institutions of higher learning. They are Columbia University, New York University, Bronx Community College, The City College, New York City Community College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hunter College, New School for Social Research, Programming and Systems, Inc., and St. John's University School of Law.

The educational aid plan

pays up to 50 per cent of the tuition fee for one to six credits each semester, or the equivalent for non-credit courses.

### 42 GRANTS IN '62

Any full-time Hospital employee with at least six months' service may request assistance under the plan, provided he plans to take job-related courses in a school of recognized standing.

The plan was established last year with a \$70,000 gift from Mr. Weinberg and his friends on his 70th birthday. Mr. Weinberg, a prominent Wall Street financier, has been a Trustee of Presbyterian Hospital since 1946.

In 1962, 42 employee applications for aid were granted, 16 for the Spring semester, 26 for the Fall.



Dr. William B. Snow

physician in physical medicine at the Mary Harkness Unit.

He served as president of the American Congress of Physical Medicine in 1954.



# Neurologist Coordinates Clinical Research

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Dr. Carter, recently appointed as the first Clinical Professor of Cerebral Palsy in the United States by the United Cerebral Palsy Research and Educational Foundation, explained that neurologists once were reluctant to devote their energies to this problem since it involved a "lesion of the brain, which is a fixed defect that can neither be improved nor become worse."

"However, after important contributions were made in terms of therapy and classification of symptoms by orthopedic surgeons, pediatricians and doctors of physical medicine, neurologists acknowledged their responsibility in this area," Dr. Carter continued.

## COORDINATES RESEARCH

In his present position, Dr. Carter is coordinator for the clinical research projects at the Medical Center investigating the causes and means of prevention of neurological disorders which produce disability in children. Cerebral palsy is one of the major disorders in these investigations.

In addition, he has the responsibility for teaching clinical fellows who have completed residency in pediatrics and are appointed for three years in child neurology, during which each spends six months in the cerebral palsy clinic.

## GRADUATES ACTIVE

"This program," Dr. Carter explained, "is designed to prepare much needed academicians in child neurology."

There are 12 graduates of the program now involved in research and teaching of pediatric neurology in Utah, Wisconsin, New York, Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Mississippi and Illinois.

"In broad terms," Dr. Carter continued, "cerebral palsy is the result of an impairment in the motor control centers of the brain, usually accompanied by one or more other dysfunctions. These may include learning difficulties, psychological problems, sensory defects, convulsive and behavior disorders."

## GOAL IS PREVENTION

The long range goal of current neurological research in this area is prevention.

"The more we can learn

about the mechanism of the brain the better opportunity we have to understand the causes of various brain lesions," Dr. Niels Low, neurologist in the cerebral palsy clinic, pointed out.

"This is a prerequisite to developing effective ways to prevent these lesions," he added.

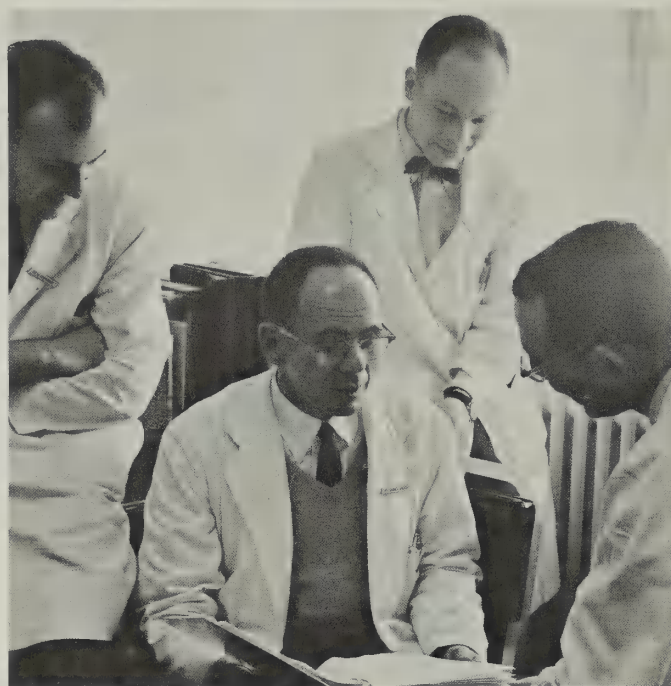
There are many suspected causes of damage to the motor centers of the brain before, during and after birth. One of these, which has been vanquished by medical science is blood

tion. Unfortunately, almost 75 per cent of them, however, have severe dysfunction not only in muscle coordination but in other areas as well. More than half have some learning deficiency and almost one third are convulsive.

"This, obviously, is a severe ordeal for both the family and the child," Dr. Singer explained.

## CONSIDER ALL ASPECTS

"We feel that we can provide the optimum in therapy if we consider all as-



Dr. Sidney B. Carter confers with Drs. Chutorian, Schwartz and Freeman, Fellows in Neurology, appointed by the United Cerebral Palsy Research and Educational Fund.

group incompatibility between mother and baby. Fifty per cent of the babies with athetosis (one form of cerebral palsy), manifested this condition as a result of blood group incompatibility.

## TRANSFUSIONS HELP

With the advent of blood exchange at birth, babies with this problem are transfused with new blood that they can tolerate. Such incompatibility once accounted for some three and one-half per cent of children with cerebral palsy.

"Since we still know so little about the variety of causes of brain deficit which result in cerebral palsy, we are limited in our ability to prevent this condition," Dr. Milton Singer commented while reviewing the work of the cerebral palsy clinic.

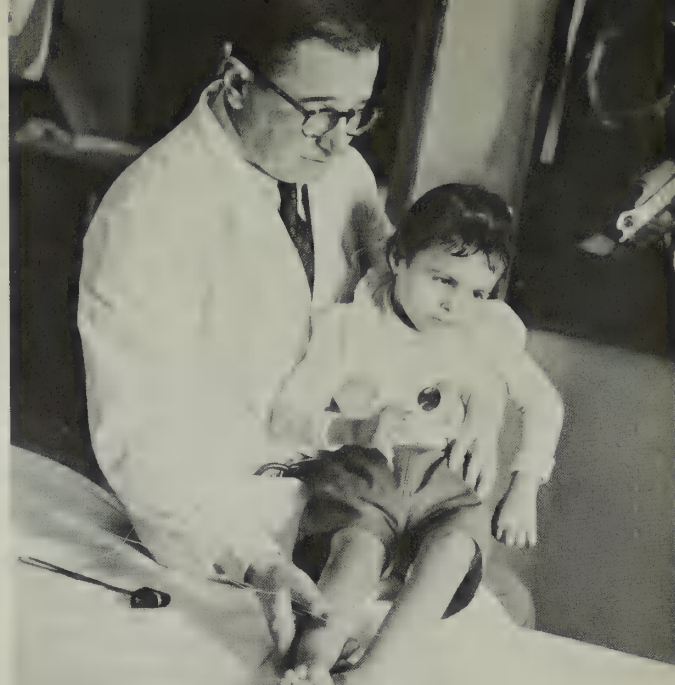
Patients are referred to this clinic following general pediatric evaluation. Some have only moderate difficulty with muscle coordina-

pects of the problem. Consequently, the clinic staff includes several specialists to enable us to assess every means of helping the child achieve his physical, intellectual and psychological potential," Dr. Singer said.

Before any child is seen by these specialists in a clinical conference, he is thoroughly examined by them individually.

"The physiatrist, neurologist, orthopedic surgeon, ophthalmologist, otolaryngologist, dentist, psychologist, speech therapist and social service representative see the patient alone and with his family. Through these individual examinations detailed pathological data is recorded on each patient along with information germane to the educational, social, economic and psychological circumstances pertinent to each child and his family," Dr. Singer said.

As a result of such intensive evaluation of every



Dr. Milton Singer examines a patient in the Cerebral Palsy Clinic.



Adelaide E. Vrooman, Social Service Worker, Dr. Milton Singer, Director, and Faith A. Witter, Coordinator, confer with a patient's mother in the Clinic. Other staff members of the Pediatric Cerebral Palsy Clinic are: Drs. George Ambrose, Orthopedic Surgeon; Robert C. Darling, Physical Medicine; Sidney B. Carter and Niels Low, Neurologists; George R. Merriam and Robert Jampel, Ophthalmologists; Robert Hui, Otolaryngologist; Solomon S. Rosenstein, Cerebral Palsy Dental Clinic. Also, Drs. Etta Karp, Ph.D., Psychologist; Marilyn Slater and Lee Ostrofsky, Physical Therapists; Felice Celikyol, Occupational Therapist; Shulamith Kastein and Myrna Becker, Speech Therapists, and Ruth B. Carrillo, Secretary.

case, there is excellent correlation of material when these specialists outline treatment programs for each child during their weekly clinical conferences.

"We concentrate on the welfare of the patient without losing sight of the fact that the adjustment of the parents to their child's af-

fliction is both burdensome for them and important for their child's well-being," he added.

Vital support for the considerable investment of time and talent at the Medical Center to combat cerebral palsy is provided by Presbyterian Hospital, State Aid, and United Cerebral Palsy.

Tricia Reschke, Miss Australia 1962, who collected funds for the Cerebral Palsy drive in her country, is introduced to Arlene Hluch, 7, of Brooklyn, N. Y. by Dr. Sydney Carter during a visit to the Cerebral Palsy Clinic here.





## July-August Performance Lifts Volunteers to Record

Volunteers, 1,034 of them, established a new record last year by contributing a total of 118,558 hours of service to the Medical Center.

This total exceeded by 598 the previous high of 117,960 hours set in 1960, according to Mrs. Marguerite E. Stein, Director of Volunteers. In 1961, the department recorded a total of 109,782 hours.

### VOLUNTEER TEA IS APRIL 25

Mrs. Stein also announced that the annual Volunteer Tea for persons who donated 100 hours or more of service in 1962 will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, in Maxwell Hall.

While the volunteers were enroute to their new annual record, they also established a new mark for a single month when they logged 12,875 hours in July. The former one-month high, 12,090, was set in July, 1960.

A month by month breakdown of hours and volunteers follows:

Month	Total Volunteers	Total Hours
January	446	9,294
February	446	7,673
March	464	9,122
April	489	9,887
May	449	10,095
June	414	8,525
July	401	12,875
August	364	12,564
September	365	8,267
October	444	10,661
November	470	9,895
December	477	9,700



### BADGE NO. 1

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he's retired, his badge is too."

Mr. Meister, assistant supervisor of the department, retired Nov. 30 after completing exactly 30 years on the job. He began here as a protective officer in 1932 and in the early years, was such a familiar figure at the front entrance of the hospi-

### MR. MEISTER HONORED AT FAREWELL PARTY

From left, A. J. Binkert, Lt. James Sheridan, C. Douglas Auty, and William Meister. Bill, retiring after 30 years with the Medical Center's Protective Dept., was feted by 250 hospital friends Jan. 24.

tal that he was often called "Mr. Presbyterian."

### BADGE OF GOLD

What's happened to his badge?

As a tribute to him for distinguished service, the

Hospital had Badge Number One gold plated and presented it to him before 250 persons Jan. 24 at his farewell party in Harkness Hall.

The party fell on his 65th birthday.

## AWARD GOES TO DR. ANDERSEN



Dr. Dorothy H. Andersen was one of two women among a thousand men recently when the Variety Club of Philadelphia presented her its annual Great Heart Award for her outstanding work in the field of cystic fibrosis.

The only other woman present at the club's annual awards banquet was singer Patti Page, who was also honored by the members.

Long acclaimed for her role in cystic fibrosis research, Dr. Andersen has been given universal recognition for first identifying and describing the pathological anatomy of the disease in 1938.

**SHE IS PRESENTLY** professor of pathology and of pediatrics at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and assistant attending pediatrician and attending pathologist at The Presbyterian Hospital.

Variety Club International, a world-wide organization for persons in the field of entertainment, places its principal emphasis on aiding needing children.

The Philadelphia unit aims at helping physically handicapped youngsters and each summer conducts a spe-

## Telephone Change-over Due March 30

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As a further reminder to employees that *Centrex* is coming, the first of a series of five posters will go up Feb. 24 in all areas of the Medical Center. Tentcards bearing the same message will be displayed in all offices and dining areas.

Because successful operation of *Centrex* depends upon all outside calls going directly to an extension user's telephone, it is essential that each user informs all his telephone contacts of his new *Centrex* number. (This will be 579—plus whatever extension number is assigned to you.)

To help you notify all persons from the outside who call you—whether they be business or personal contacts—the hospital's Telephone Department will furnish you with printed postal cards.

These cards will announce the cut-over date to *Centrex*,

and they will contain blank spaces in which you will insert your name, your new number, and the address of your contact.

**The Telephone Department emphasizes that you may order all the cards you need, so that every person who calls you at the Medical Center will be acquainted with your new number.**

Completed cards will be forwarded by local mail to the hospital's Mail Room for handling.

With the coming of *Centrex*, which the New York Telephone Co. calls "the most advanced and practical telephone system yet designed," the number of extensions within the Medical Center will be increased from 1,800 to 3,000. The system being installed here is able to handle up to 4,500 extensions, if that many are ever needed.

It is hoped that right from the first week of *Centrex* at least 80 per cent of all incoming calls will bypass the operators and go directly to the desired extensions.

The Telephone Department predicts that even this high percentage will be improved—if each extension user does the job expected of him in familiarizing the public with the changeover.

## Salute To Singer And A Scientist

From left, Patti Page, Samuel Alesker, retiring Chief Barker of the Philadelphia Variety Club, and Dr. Dorothy H. Andersen.



# In Memoriam

## Dr. Louis Casamajor, Medallion Recipient

Dr. Louis Casamajor, one of the outstanding figures in the history of the Neurological Institute, died at his home, 3681 Broadway, Dec. 14. He was 81.

One of 25 holders of the Medical Center's Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Casamajor received the bachelor of arts degree from Columbia in 1903 and the degree of doctor of medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons three years later.

He began his long and distinguished career at Neurological Institute in 1909 as an assistant attending neurologist. When he retired in 1948 as director of the Medical Center's Child Neurology Section, he was appointed a consultant in neurology and professor emeritus of clinical neurology.

During World War I, he was a major in the Army Medical Corps and was in charge of neuropsychiatric services at several base hospitals in France.

Writing in the 1948 annual report, Dr. H. Houston Merritt, director of the Neurological Service, said of him: "Dr. Casamajor has ably directed Child Neurology at the Medical Center for many years. His skill in the management of children, his kindly nature, and his great devotion to neurology, enabled him to build up one of the foremost centers for the study and treatment of diseases of the nervous system in childhood."

Even after his retirement, he maintained an office in Neurological Institute and was frequently seen there and in Babies Hospital.

He is survived by two sisters in Brooklyn.

### DR. LOUIS A. COHN

Dr. Louis Alexander Cohn, associate clinical professor of dentistry at the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, died Dec. 22. He was 56.

Known nationally for his many accomplishments in prosthodontics, he had taught at Columbia University for 18 years and lectured extensively throughout the world.

Dr. Cohn is survived by a wife and two sons.

## Chapel Service Honors Memory Of Late Chaplain L. R. Hartley

A memorial service for the Rev. Dr. Lyman R. Hartley, 73, who retired as Chaplain of Presbyterian Hospital in 1954, was held Feb. 4 in the Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel. He died Jan. 3 at his home in Florida.

Participants in the service were present Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., the Rev. Dr. Edgar F. Romig, senior minister of Collegiate Church of New York, and the Rev. James Gray Spence, minister of Second Presbyterian Church, New York. Both Dr. Romig and the Rev. Mr. Spence are honorary trustees of the hospital.

### BEGAN IN 1942

Chaplain Hartley's work at the hospital began in 1942 when, as pastor of Fort George Presbyterian Church, he was appointed



CHAPLAIN HARTLEY  
(Photo taken in 1952)

part-time Associate Chaplain. He was named Chaplain of the hospital, full-time, Feb. 1, 1948.

Until Roman Catholic and Jewish chaplains were appointed to the hospital in 1953, Chaplain Hartley made bedside calls to members of both faiths, as well as to Protestant patients.

In a tribute to Chaplain Hartley during the memorial service, Chaplain Reeves said:

"Most of the features of the present chaplaincy program in our hospital had their origin in the work of Chaplain Hartley, and many of his statements of principle and practice remain today as foundations of our work."

### BIG MAN, SURE FAITH

"Chaplain Hartley was a big man, not only in physical stature, but in his sympathy and understanding, in his acquaintance with all sorts and conditions of men, in the genial warmth he brought to every personal encounter, in the assurance of his faith."

"And these qualities were never more in evidence than when, during the years of his retirement, he was several times himself a patient here."

"He did not diminish in stature under stress. In sickness, as in health, he was one of God's noblemen."

### DR. GEORGE STEIN

Dr. George Stein, M.D., D.M.D., a research associate in the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, died Jan. 9 in Larchmont General Hospital. He was 72.

A pioneer in the field of histology, Dr. Stein published more than 70 papers in 38 years of dental and medical research. He lectured in almost every country in Europe.

Son and grandson of physicians, he received the degree of doctor of medicine from the University of Vienna and the degree of doctor of dental medicine from Harvard University.

He is survived by his widow, a son, and two grandchildren.

### MRS. MARY LE DEOUX

Mrs. Mary Le Deoux, floor clerk on the 14th floor of Presbyterian Hospital, died in Presbyterian December 13 after a long illness.

A member of the Medical Center's 25-Year-Club, Mrs. Le Deoux began here in 1933 with the Housekeeping Department.

As a clerk-receptionist on the D and E floors of the hospital years ago when they were used for personnel housing, she endeared herself to many nurses and other employees.

Surviving Mrs. Le Deoux are her husband, John; a son; two daughters, and 18 grandchildren.



## UHF Honors 6 P. H. Volunteers

MRS. BYRON STOOKEY (right), a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Neurological Institute, congratulates Mrs. Mark Corey, a 30,538-hour volunteer at St. Vincent's Hospital, Staten Island. Mrs. Stookey was chairman of the reception, sponsored by the United Hospital Fund December 4 in the Plaza Hotel during which 102 outstanding hospital volunteers — including six from Presbyterian Hospital — were honored for selfless service. The Presbyterian volunteers cited were Mrs. Olga Zarganis, 17,506 hours of service; Miss Maud E. Musgrave, 15,923 hours; Mrs. Dorothy Paschal, 14,747 hours; Mrs. Marion Ware, 13,074 hours; Mrs. Katalin Kallay, 11,378 hours, and Miss Hattie H. Bruns, 10,412 hours. Among the sponsors of the reception were Mrs. Robert E. Carroll, chairman of the Women's Auxiliary of the New York Orthopedic Hospital and chairman of the Women's Division of the current United Fund campaign; Mrs. Edward Gerry, also of the Orthopedic Hospital Auxiliary, and Mrs. John S. Tilney, president of the Board of Women Managers of Babies Hospital and chairman of the Women's Division of the Fund's 1960 and 1961 campaigns.

## Miss Hewson Will Continue Research During Retirement

Seated in her office one afternoon just before her recent retirement, Miss Louise R. Hewson, chief clinical psychologist in Neurological Institute, was discussing her quarter-century at the Medical Center.

Especially interested in the psychological aspects of brain functioning, Miss Hewson began her long career here under Miss Gladys Tallman, then director of the Department of Psychology in Neurological Institute.

"Actually, I was familiar with the Medical Center even before then," she explained. "In 1931-32, I studied clinical testing under Miss Tallman in the Vanderbilt Clinic in a class she was teaching for Columbia University, where I was working for my degree of master of arts in psychology."

### VASSAR GRADUATE

Miss Hewson, a 1921 graduate of Vassar College, had almost 15 years' experience working with juveniles with behavior problems before coming to the Medical Center in January, 1938.

After college, she was on the staff of Sleighton Farm School for Girls, located outside of Philadelphia, for 10 years. Then, after completing her graduate studies at Columbia, she worked four and a half years as a psychologist with wards of the juvenile court in Detroit.

### PIONEER IN PSYCHOLOGY

"The Neurological Institute was a pioneer in clinical psychology," she recalled. "We have records going back to 1913 when Psychology was part of the Social

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## Cosmonaut's Doctor Among 1962 Visitors To The Center

Visitors from five continents, 50 countries and 16 states were conducted on guided tours of the Medical Center in 1962.

"The visitors, especially those from overseas, seemed to be mainly impressed by our friendliness, our cleanliness, and the size of the Medical Center," according to Mrs. Anne M. Lubrecht, tour hostess in the Department of Public Interest.



Mrs. Anne Lubrecht

"They all were anxious to see our latest equipment and eager to learn our latest methods," she added.

A total of 891 persons took the tour with Mrs. Lubrecht. Her busiest month was September, when there were 127 visitors. There were only 22 visitors in June, the least active month.

She said the visitors included 154 doctors, 118 nurses, and 308 students.

### COSMONAUT'S PHYSICIAN

From Moscow's Academy of Medical Sciences there came in May two doctors, including Dr. V. V. Parin, the physician who examined Russian Cosmonaut Titov before he went into orbit.

Other visitors from behind the Iron Curtain included a radiologist from Hungary and a physician from Poland.

A group of 16 hospital directors from Japan toured the Center in April and, in September, came the two largest groups: 80 dermatologists from all over the world and 30 radiologists from Germany.

The President of Sardinia and his wife toured the Social Service Department, the rehabilitation floor in Neurological Institute, and Vanderbilt Clinic. The director of the Department of Medicine, Republic of Cyprus, was interested in hospital administration.

### RETURNS AS PATIENT

The director of a blood bank came from the Ivory Coast, a midwife who maintains her own hospital came from Nigeria, and two Mother Superiors came from Melbourne, Australia.

## Flowers Win A Friend For Protective Officer

A while ago, Protective Officer Irving Resnick presented two carnations to a pretty little blonde patient in Babies Hospital. The kind gesture brought the following note of thanks from the sick girl, a native of

A Caribbean cruise for two is one of many prizes being offered in this year's raffle for the benefit of the Student Nurse Scholarship Fund.

Tickets will be available from all nursing personnel beginning in mid-February and the drawing will be during the annual Student Nurse Benefit Card Party, April 24 in Maxwell Hall.

Honorary chairman of

the card party again this year is celebrated actress Helen Hayes. Miss Helen Young, Mrs. Grayson Kirk, and Mrs. H. Houston Merritt are honorary patronesses.

Proceeds from the raffle and card party help finance the education of about 20 of our student nurses each year.

### OTHER FINE PRIZES

Other raffle prizes include a mink cape, donated by Peter Chambers, furrier; a black lynx clutch collar, by

Bronxville Furriers; a \$100 gift certificate from B. Altman Co.; an olive dish, by Steuben Glass Co., and a Somali fur fabric jacket, by Collins and Aiken.

Also, a transistor radio and Hamilton Beach toaster, donated by Turtle and Hughes; a portrait, by Hay Studios, Stamford, Conn.; a silver-fox boa, by Fredrica; a Jantzen bathing suit; an AM-FM radio; tickets for Mr. President, and two hand-made afghans.

Many other gifts have been donated for door and table prizes at the card party.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Robert H. E. Elliott is chairman of the card party. Serving on her committee are Miss Helen Anderson, student chairman; Mrs. Milton B. Phillips, vice chairman; Mrs. Edward B. Self, patron-patroness chairman; Mrs. Hiram P. Salter, treasurer; Mrs. George C. Henning, secretary; Mrs. Arthur L. B. Richardson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert Weeks Jr., prize chairman; Mrs. Everett C. Bragg, printing chairman; Miss Florence Vanderbilt, tea chairman, and Miss Martha E. Haber, publicity chairman.



STUDENT NURSES INSPECT SOME RAFFLE PRIZES

Helen Anderson, left, student chairman for the benefit card party, admires leopard jacket modeled by Elizabeth G. Salter. On the table are a transistor radio, AM-FM radio, a toaster, and a handmade afghan, just a few of the prizes. Travel posters are a reminder that the first prize is a Caribbean cruise for two.

Two deaconesses (administrators of a Protestant hospital) from Utrecht, Holland visited Miss Eliza-

beth S. Gill, Director of Nursing, and toured many areas of the hospital, including the Premature Nursery.

They were so favorably impressed by what they saw that later when one of them broke her hip just before she intended leaving for Holland, she came here to our Orthopedic Floor and highly praised the care she received.

Mrs. Lubrecht said that regular tours are conducted from 2 to 3:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Appointments must be made in advance by calling her at Extension 7788.

## RECEIVED YOUR W-2 FORMS YET?

Have you received your withholding tax statement (W-2 form) from the hospital yet?

You should have . . . and you're going to need it when you file your 1962 income tax return.

If your W-2 forms haven't reached you by mail, it is urged that you check immediately with the payroll office on the second floor of the Service Building.

### FORMS WERE MAILED

Hans Arntsen, payroll supervisor, said that all W-2 forms were mailed out to employees of the hospital in January, but some were returned because of an incorrect address.

These returned forms, Mr. Arntsen said, are being held in the payroll office.



## From The Mailbag

The devoted skill and care I received cannot be measured in dollars. I feel deeply in debt to the magnificent staff of your incomparable hospital. — From a former patient in Harkness Pavilion.

All the nurses gave me wonderful care and I truly feel that my convalescence was more pleasant and rapid due to their superlative nursing skills. A word, too, about the dedication of the student nurses who took care of me and the nurses aides who were most solicitous of my well being. No task was too small or menial for them to perform cheerfully.—From a former patient on Presbyterian 16th Floor.

I take this opportunity to express my admiration for the excellent treatment I received. That doctors as well as nurses are outstanding everyone knows, but I wish to emphasize that the entire spirit of the hospital was wonderful. — From a former patient in Harkness Pavilion.

## MISS HEWSON

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Research Department. From 1913 to about 1930 much of the psychological service in metropolitan New York was given here."

She praised the early neurologists of the Institute's staff for recognizing the possibilities of psychological studies and supporting the preliminary endeavors. "Now there is much demand for psychological appraisal, and the hopes and expectations of the early neurologists are being progressively substantiated."

Miss Hewson, who has personally examined a great many patients during the past quarter-century, is the author of several papers on psychological detection of brain damage and related problems.

## WW II STUDIES

During World War II, she participated in a government study to find means to detect mental impairment in veterans with closed head injuries.

She is a diplomat in clinical psychology under the American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology and is certified by New York State as a clinical psychologist.

"Fascinating and challenging" are words Miss Hewson uses to describe her 25 years here. "It has been



Pastry Chef Rene Trottier and his sweet creations.

## He Soothed Our Sweet Tooth With Pies, Cakes, Gingerbread

After 13 years of soothing the sweet tooth of Medical Center personnel, chief pastry chef Rene Trottier tipped his tall white cap to friends and co-workers and retired Feb. 1.

A pastry chef schooled in the European tradition, Mr. Trottier began as an apprentice in a pastry shop in Bordeaux, France, when he was 11.

"I washed baking utensils, scrubbed floors, and watched the bakers with envy," he said. "I started at midnight, worked at least 12 hours a day. There was no pay. When you're an apprentice, you pay—and if you don't do right, you get a boot."

"I HAD TO WAIT almost two years before a new apprentice arrived in the shop. Then I was promoted and could start baking."

He arrived in New York with his parents when he was 14 and went to work as a pastry cook in various Manhattan hotels, including

a genuine privilege to have the opportunity to be of service in a professional environment of such high caliber," she added.

In retirement she plans to continue her research in cerebropsychology and will engage in private practice as a clinical psychologist.

the Astor. After operating his own pastry shop in Lynbrook, Long Island, for ten years, he came to the Medical Center in October, 1949.

"I wanted to see if I'd like institutional baking," he explained. "I think it's much easier. You bake large quantities, but the variety isn't so great."

**MR. TROTTIER SUPERVISED** five other pastry cooks who each day bake about 500 doughnuts, 500 Danish pastries, more than 100 pies, about 40 cakes, muffins and rolls, plus large quantities of pudding and jello.

Asked how many pies he's baked in 54 years, Mr. Trottier declined to hazard a guess. "I have no idea at all," he said. Yet it's safe to assume that his total production of pies, if stacked one atop another, would tower above the Empire State Building.

**What he's most remembered for here at the hospital are the fancy, decorated cakes that have been a feature of almost every retirement party or other special occasion.**

He was also responsible for creating the small individual cakes for patients who were hospitalized here on their birthday. Among the thousands of patients who received his birthday

## Milbank Library Adds 1,000 Books; Total Circulation Tops 39,000 in '62

Milbank Library acquired almost a thousand books during 1962, bringing its total stock to 7,892 bound volumes, it was announced by Miss Barbara Martin, Librarian.

Miss Martin said in her annual report that 723 new titles were gifts, 366 were purchased. A total of 207 books were withdrawn from the shelves, she added.

Most notable additions were made in the fields of foreign languages, literature, fine arts, and biography. Total circulation to patients and staff was 39,244.

Net proceeds from the April book sale amounted to \$250. The traditional November-December sale was not held last year because of the resignation at that time of Librarian Mrs. Selma Gale.

Miss Martin, who assumed the librarian post Nov. 26, is a graduate of

the Columbia University Library School. She formerly worked in the Army Special Services Libraries in Germany and as a market research librarian in downtown Manhattan.



BARBARA MARTIN  
Presents First Report

## Couple's Gift to B. H., A Memorial to Son, Will Aid Physicians

Little children who become patients in the future at Babies Hospital will never have an opportunity to know Theodore Haviland IV.

They will, however, have cause to be grateful to the memory of the little boy who, only three years old when he died, has left them a bequest of hope.

Medical Center officials have disclosed that Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Haviland III, of North Caldwell, N. J., have presented to the trustees of the Medical Center a gift in memory of their son. The parents asked that the gift be established as an endowment to perpetuate for others "that which was such a comfort and joy to us for only three short years."

## TERMS OF GIFT

The gift will provide grants-in-aid to doctors or residents of Babies Hospi-

tal in the field of pediatrics to enable them to pursue studies and research in the nature and causes of infectious diseases of infants and children.

"It is our intent," the parents said, "that none of the income need be paid back by any recipient into the fund, subject only to a moral obligation to repay at some future date if a doctor feels that he is able to do so without sacrifice to self or family."

Mr. Haviland added: "If possible, my wife and I would like to be able to return to the Babies Clinic once a year in the month of April to chat briefly with either the head of pediatrics or the head of infectious diseases, but by no means for the purpose of influencing or questioning the administration of the fund."

"In this way we feel that we may never forget that our son was very much alive and that his spirit still lives on to help others."

cakes was the late Eleanor Roosevelt, who observed her 78th birthday in Harkness Pavilion last October.

**EACH CHRISTMAS HE** also produced some appropriate masterpiece of the baker's art, such as the magnificent gingerbread house he made last year for the dining hall.

Mr. Trottier has no set plans for retirement. He

and his wife, Estelle, have a home in Malverne, L. I., and a cottage in West Palm Beach, Florida.

He intends to plant a vegetable garden on his land in Florida.

"And maybe I'll take up fishing," he added. "I've been told it's very relaxing, and everyone says the waters in Florida are teeming with fish."





# The Stethoscope

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## Research Reveals New View of Heart Muscle

Valuable new information on the muscular function of the heart has been gleaned from research findings in the Medical Center's pathology laboratories.

"We have established, through electronmicroscopic photographs of animal and human heart muscle cells under varying degrees of stretch, that the muscle filaments do not function entirely as previously believed," Dr. David Spiro, Professor of Pathology at P&S explained.

"These studies also indicate that the physical structure of these filaments is somewhat different from that accepted heretofore," he added.

These studies concerned the correlation of the changes in the ultrastructure of heart muscle with various mechanical states of the muscle. Dr. Edmund H. Sonnenblick, a resident in medicine, had previously defined some of the mechanical properties of the heart while at the National Heart Institute. Dr. Sonnenblick and Mr. Thomas S. Cottrell, a second year medical student, with Dr. Spiro, compose the group performing the present studies.

"Since we have a more accurate conception of how the muscle filaments function as the heart relaxes and contracts, as well as how they are structured, we hope this will lead to further meaningful information on heart problems like congestive heart failure," the researchers pointed out.

The theory developed during the 1950's relative to the heart muscle was based upon a concept of the functioning and structure of

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## Technique Developed Here

### Color Movies in Stomach Helpful as Diagnostic Aid

The puzzling case of a 32-year-old woman patient at Presbyterian Hospital recently proved the diagnostic value of cinegastroscopy—a technique devised and being perfected here for taking color motion pictures within the stomach.

Although the woman complained of severe pain in her mid-abdomen, standard tests and examinations failed to reveal the nature of her problem.

Physicians suspected an ulcer, but two gastrointestinal x-ray series failed to show it. In addition, a gall-bladder test series, and a barium enema produced negative results.

#### FILM SHOWS ULCER

After color motion pictures were taken in the woman's stomach, however, the developed film clearly revealed an ulcer, with a fresh hemorrhage in its center, on the posterior stomach wall.

A cinefluoroscopic study the next day was, like previous X-ray findings, nega-

## HOSPITAL PREPARES FOR CENTREX; DEBUT SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 30

### Long Distance Calls: Make Them Yourself, Committee Stresses

Long distance dialing will be a do-it-yourself proposition at the Medical Center after March 30th.

The Telephone Committee stresses that under the new Centrex system, it is the responsibility of each extension user to place his own outgoing calls.

Long distance calls will no longer be made by the Hospital's telephone operators for Medical Center personnel.

Centrex, the most advanced telephone system yet devised, will make its debut in the Medical Center at 2 a.m. Saturday, March 30th.

To acquaint you with the use of the new system, the Hospital's Telephone Committee has prepared answers to some typical questions you might have.

#### How will I make calls within the Hospital?

Consult the new directory for the correct extension number. Then dial just the four digits listed. If the line is busy, wait a reasonable interval before redialing.

#### How will I transfer a call to another extension within the Hospital?

##### DEPRESS BUTTON JUST ONE TIME

You can reach the operator by depressing the receiver button JUST ONCE—for one second. (*Do NOT press the button more than once or you will disconnect the call.*) When the operator answers, give her the extension to which you are transferring the call.

#### How will I make local calls to persons outside the Medical Center?

When you hear a dial tone, dial 9, listen for a second dial tone, then dial your party's number. (There is the same dialing procedure you are now familiar with.)

#### How will I call long distance on hospital business?

Listen for the dial tone, dial 9, then listen for the second dial tone. Dial the area code, plus the desired number. (Consult the area code booklet.) When you hear a beep tone, give the

operator your telephone number (579—plus your extension number).

#### PERSON-TO-PERSON

What if I want to call person-to-person — or what if the  
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### Mrs. Perera Presides At Volunteer Tea

Mrs. George A. Perera, Chairman of the Volunteer Committee of the Women's Auxiliaries, will preside at the annual Volunteer Awards Tea to be held April 25, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Maxwell Hall.

Mrs. Frederic R. de Rham, a member of the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Hospital, will bring the greetings of the board to the many volunteers who will be honored.

A complete listing of the volunteers who will receive awards at this year's tea will be published in the April issue of STETHOSCOPE.

### Richard Ott Named Assistant Treasurer

Richard N. Ott has been appointed Assistant Treasurer of the Presbyterian Hospital effective March 1, it was announced by A. J. Binkert, executive vice president.

In his new position, Mr. Ott will assume additional responsibilities in the financial affairs of the Hospital.

Holder of a masters degree in business administration from Columbia University, Mr. Ott began his career here in the Harkness Pavilion admitting office.

After a three-year leave of absence to serve with the Air Force, he returned to the Hospital as a night manager. He was trans-

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Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox.

## STETHOSCOPIA

Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Leslie on their marriage February 24th. Bride is the former *Nancy Marily Stack*, head nurse at Babies Hospital. Best wishes also to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schneider of Alpine, New Jersey. Mrs. Schneider is the former *Betty Anne Kuehne* of Purchasing Department. A wedding on March 23 is scheduled for *Miss Elaine Gottschalk*, secretary in Uropathology and Mr. Bruce Diamond.

New arrivals to our hospital family include *Francisco Rincor*, technician and *Diana Tiffany*, nurse, in the Blood Bank and Mrs. *Adele Lewis*, secretary in the Volunteer Office. Mrs. *Anna Leer* is now second cook at Mary Harkness and Mrs. *Beatrice Corcoran* is a ward aide there.

Mrs. *Mary Sargent Clark* is recuperating at Harkness and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. *Blanche Cole*, Volunteer Office is vacationing in Florida. Vacationers at Mary Harkness are Dr. *John T. Beaty*, who is in the Barbados, Mrs. *Helen Gosline*, who is on a cruise to Nassau, *Miss Anee Denmark*, who is skiing at Mt. Tremblant, Canada, and Mrs. *Susan Millman* who is visiting Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. *Bill Delaney*, Credit Department, and Mrs. *Delaney* have recently returned from a two week cruise to South America.

Junior Accountant *Joseph Salerno* of the Comptroller's Office, has left to become a G.I. Joe for six months. His co-workers presented him with a hot water bottle and a pair of longjohns. We look forward to seeing him back with us next August.

Social Service has two new members, Mrs. *Ginette Nguyen* of Vietnam and *Miss Lillian White*, a student from New York School of Social Work.

Mrs. *Ann Morrison*, a Volunteer here, was one of the Junior Leaguers in a skit at the Mardi Gras Ball which was televised on February 15th.

Miss *Sheila Spelman*, R.N. in Sloane Vandervilt Clinic, is on leave of absence to attend Teachers College for her B.S. degree in Nursing Education. She was awarded a Federal Traineeship Title #1.

Lt. Tom Brooks, USN, son of Mrs. *Fredrica Brooks*, Public Interest, and currently on the Staff of Amphibious Group Three, San Diego, has received orders to report to language school in Washington, D. C. to study Turkish in preparation for his new assignment as Assistant Naval Attache in Istanbul.

On Thursday, February 21, 1963, a reception honoring those employees celebrating 25 years of State service was held at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. Those honored this year were: *Nina Allison*, *May Barnett*, *Mathilda Black*, *Salvatore Butero*, *Anna Leary*, *Charles Morley*, *Sally Pellman*, *Kathleen Sexton*, *Dr. Warren M. Sperry*, *Mary Sullivan*, *Frank C. Verse*, *Dr. Joseph Zubin*. Dr. *Lawrence C. Kolb*, Director, presented the service pins at the cocktail party to which were invited all the employees of the Institute. Afterwards there was a dinner for the guests of honor and for those who had received their pins in previous years.

Miss *Edith Dovey*, secretary to Miss Gill, is vacationing at Fort Worth, Fla.

New class for Red Cross Nurses Aides will begin on March 12. Classes will be held two nights weekly, two hours a night for six weeks. Registration is at the Volunteer Office.

Welcome to *Miss Noreen Sullivan* and *Miss Rose Goldberg*, Volunteers in the Public Interest Department.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

Dr. *Joseph E. Snyder*, Assistant Vice President, appeared on the February 24th Barry Gray Show as a member of the Board of Directors of the New York City Cancer Committee. He spoke to acquaint the public with the functions of the New York City Cancer Committee in preparation for their fund drive in April.



Dr. Joseph E. Snyder

Dr. *Landrum B. Shettles*, Assistant Obstetrician and Gynecologist, has been elected a member of the International Correspondence Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Dr. *Anthony D'Esopo*, Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, was a faculty member of The Obstetrical and Gynecological Assembly of Southern California in Los Angeles during February.

Dr. *Edward V. Zegarelli*, Attending Dental Surgeon and Professor of Dentistry has recently returned from lecture trips to the Dallas Mid-Winter Dental Convention in Texas, the Medical College of Virginia Dental Alumni Homecoming at Richmond and the U. S. Dental School in Bethesda, Md., where he delivered papers on various topics dealing with diseases of the mouth and jaw.

Dr. *Carl T. Nelson*, Chairman of the Department of Dermatology, will be a discussor at March 5th meeting of the Section on Dermatology and Syphilology, at the New York Academy of Medicine.

Dr. *John H. Laragh*, Assistant Attending Physician, will speak on Hyperaldosteronism at the March 8th meeting of the American Hungarian Medical Association at the New York Academy of Medicine.

Dr. *Theodore B. Van Itallie*, Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, spoke on The Problem of Obesity on March 4th at the Rudolf Virchow Medical Society meeting.

The Committee on Religion and Medicine and the P&S Club will sponsor a symposium on The American Doctor and World Medicine, March 5 and 14 at 7:30 p.m.

in the Bard Hall Lounge. Dr. *Harold Brown*, Professor of Parasitology Dr. *John Cushman*, Medical Director of the Peace Corps, Representative *Walter Judd*, M.D. Medical Missionary and Congressman, Dr. *Biroum Noerjasin*, Professor of Microbiology at the University Medical School, Indonesia, and Dr. *John C. Snyder*, Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, will be the speakers.

Dr. *William Briscoe*, Assistant Professor of Medicine will lecture on Current Concepts of the Physical and Laboratory Diagnosis of Chronic Bronchitis and Emphysema at a Symposium on March 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Essex House, Newark, N. J. The meeting is under the joint auspices of the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey and the New Jersey State Department of Health.

Dr. *George H. Humphreys, II*, Chairman of the Department of Surgery, will speak on Management of Esophageal Atresia, on March 18 at a Symposium on Pediatric Surgery sponsored by the Greater New York Chapter of The National Foundation at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

Dr. *Thomas V. Santulli*, Chief of Pediatric Surgical Service, Babies Hospital, presented a paper on Intussusception at the same meeting.

Dr. *Santulli*, has been appointed Vice President for North America of the Section on Pediatric Surgery of the Pan American Medical Association.

Dr. *John K. Lattimer*, Chairman of the Department of Urology, gave the "Annual Report on the Treatment of G.U. Tuberculosis" before the 22nd Conference on the Chemotherapy of G.U. Tuberculosis, held by the U. S. Veterans Administration and Armed Forces Hospitals, in Cincinnati recently. Dr. *Lattimer* is a member of the Committee on Plans and played a major role in designing the regimens to be recommended for the following year for all government hospitals treating kidney tuberculosis. He also acted as the Urology Advisor to the Committee on Therapy of the National Tuberculosis Association.

Dr. *Lattimer* also was the guest speaker before the Buffalo Academy of Medicine where he spoke on "Kidney Infections in Children."

Dr. *Swanie R. Gaston*, Associate Attending Orthopedic Surgeon, presented Ligamentous injuries of the ankle, their diagnosis and treatment, at a recent meeting of the Section on Orthopedic Surgery.

Dr. *David V. Habif*, Attending Surgeon, was moderator of a panel on Primary Treatment of Carcinoma of the Breast at a recent meeting of the Section on Surgery of the New York Academy of Medicine.



## You Artistic Ones: Ready Your Entries For 13th Art Exhibit

The Medical Center's 13th annual Arts, Photography and Crafts Exhibition will be held April 23 through May 3 in the Library Annex on the 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

All members of the Medical Center family, including Volunteers, are eligible to enter their art works, according to the Rev. Robert B. Reeves Jr., exhibition chairman.

Chaplain Reeves urged all persons interested to start getting their entries ready now. All entries are to be brought to the Library Annex between April 15 and 18. He said no entry will be accepted after 5 p.m., April 18.

Entries sought for the exhibition include all fine works of art: paintings, sketches and sculpture; art photography, and products of crafts, such as leather and metal work, ceramics, weaving, basketry, and needle work.

Entries must be ready for showing when submitted. Photographs must be mounted on 16x20 mat board; paintings and sketches must be framed or mounted, framed items must be securely wired, ready for hanging.

Entry blanks will be available beginning April 10 at nursing stations and Public Interest, Room 4-32 of Presbyterian Hospital. Any questions should be referred to Public Interest, Extensions 7076 or 7781.

### TEA IS APRIL 22

A preview tea for exhibitors and their guests will be held in the Library Annex on April 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. Hostesses will be Mrs. A. J. Binkert and Mrs. H. Houston Merritt.

Volunteer Mrs. Roger Seebe designed the poster that will advertise the exhibition and Robert Demarest, a medical artist, designed the preview invitations and the catalog.

Other persons assisting Chaplain Reeves with arrangements for the art show are Helene Ciocca, Lillian Oring, Harriet Phillips, Mrs. Patricia A. McLean, Mrs. Daniel Stevens, Mrs. Marion Thompson, Martha Haber, Gladys Barrett, Dorothy Delamater, Amarylius Ticnor, Dr. Meyer M. Melicow, Dr. Henry S. F. Cooper, Dr. Robert G. Bertsch, Dr. Jerome P. Webster, Dr. Carl R. Wise, and Protective Sgt. Edwin H. Behlmer.

## Frederick Sturges, Jr. Lunches With Scholarship Winners

Frederick Sturges, Jr., presented scholarship funds to the Department of Nursing at a recent luncheon in the private dining room at Maxwell Hall.

This is the seventh consecutive year that Mr. Sturges has contributed toward nursing scholarships and been host to the recipient students.

### STUDENTS ARE GUESTS

The scholarship students who were his guests at the luncheon were the Misses Elaine Warner and Judy Searles, both in the Class of 1964, and the Misses Ruth Ireland and Judith Holland, Class of 1965. They were joined by Miss Helen Young, A. J. Binkert, Miss Elizabeth Gill, Miss Helen F. Pettit, and Miss Marion D. Cleveland and special guests, Miss Eleanor Lee, Professor Emeritus, and Miss Ellen Wheeler, an alumna and neighbor of Mr. Sturges.

Mr. Sturges, who lives

in Fairfield, Conn., has been an honorary trustee of Presbyterian Hospital since 1955 and an honorary member of the Alumnae Association, Department of Nursing since 1957, as well as a corporation member since 1905 and a 25 Year Club member since 1956.

### FAMILY TRADITIONS

A lively octogenarian and avid outdoorsman, Mr. Sturges is continuing a family tradition of interest in the welfare of Presbyterian Hospital that dates back 95 years to 1868 when his grandfather became an incorporator at the founding of the hospital.

His father, Frederick Sturges, served the hospital for 40 years in such capacities as Trustee, chairman of the executive committee, vice president, president, president emeritus and chairman of the Committee for the School of Nursing.

Miss Helen Young and Mr. Sturges at the Scrabble board during visit to Maxwell Hall.



Mr. Frederick Sturges, Jr. with scholarship winners Judy Searles, Ruth Ireland and Judith Holland.







Richard N. Ott

## MR. OTT

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ferred to the accounting department in October 1958 and was assigned to the office of the assistant treasurer in January 1959.

He is a member of the Board of Managers of McBurney School, a college preparatory school for boys located at 15 West 63rd Street. He was graduated from McBurney School in 1948.

Mr. Ott is presently a Captain in the Medical Service Corps of the Air Force Reserve. He is married to the former Helen Diane Schleicker, who was until recently senior technician in the Department of Microbiology Diagnostic Laboratory, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

## From The Mailbag

I wish to express appreciation from myself and my family for the quality of care extended in the emergency clinic on New Year's night to my 79-year-old father. I really believe much of the shock reaction was minimized by the courteous and efficient attention he received. — From the daughter of an Emergency Clinic Patient.

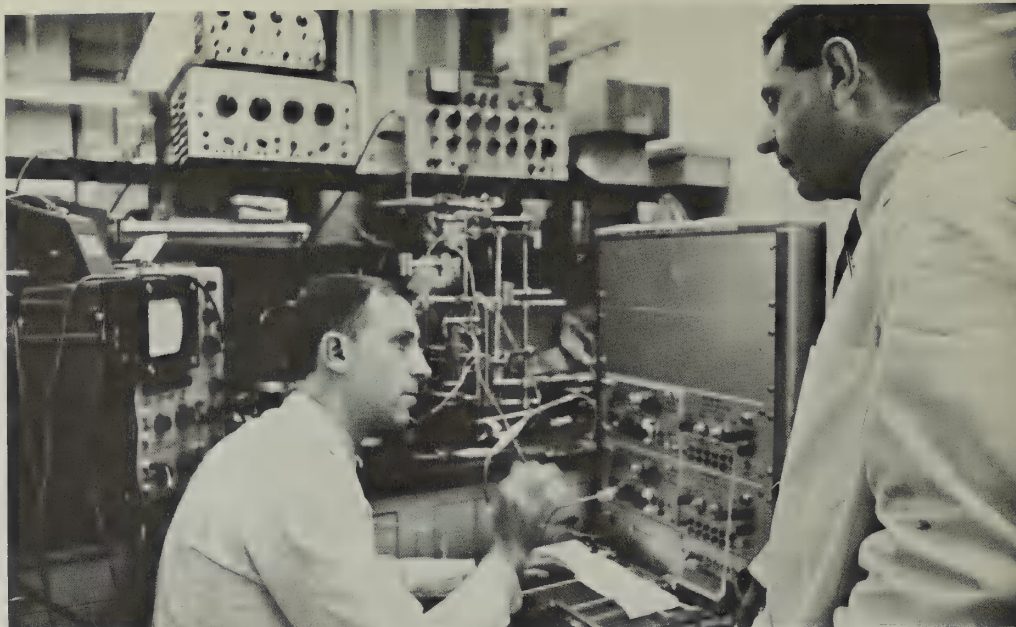
I am not usually in the habit of writing testimonial letters. In fact, this is the first one I have ever written.

On February 3 I entered your hospital for eye surgery, and was discharged on February 12. During this time your entire staff, especially your nurses, afforded me the kindest, most considerate and efficient service that I have ever received anywhere.

I feel sure that due to all your efforts my eye surgery was most successful, my recovery most pleasant, and my recuperation most complete.

—From a former patient in Eye Institute.

The devoted skill and care I received during my stay at your hospital cannot be measured in dollars. I feel deeply in debt to the magnificent staff of your incomparable hospital. — From a patient at Harkness Pavilion.



Dr. David Spiro and Mr. Thomas S. Cottrell, in the Pathology Laboratory, reviewing data obtained through current studies on the heart muscle.

## Heart Muscle

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skeletal muscle. This concept was that muscle fibers were composed of a series of two different types of straight filaments, varying in thickness, which partially overlap. It was proposed that muscle contraction then resulted from the sliding movement of one type of filament past the other in a telescopic fashion.

Through electronmicroscopic observations on heart muscle tissue at extremely high magnifications (the magnifying power of the

electronmicroscope could enlarge a line one inch long to about two miles) researchers established that the heart muscle filaments are apparently accordion shaped rather than straight. Thus, rather than a purely telescopic or sliding action, these heart muscle filaments open like an accordion as the heart relaxes, and fold as the heart contracts, with some resulting sliding action in each case. These studies help to explain Starling's law of the heart which states that the heart will contract more forcefully if it is stretched.

"This led us to comparable studies on skeletal muscle," the doctors said, "and the evidence is that these mus-

cle filaments do not function entirely in the telescopic or sliding fashion either, although they do present a different aspect when greatly overstretched from the heart muscle.

"This may lead to a re-evaluation of the function and structure of filaments in skeletal muscle which could enhance other research at the Medical Center, such as muscular dystrophy," they added.

Digressing momentarily from the actual research, Dr. Spiro emphasized the valuable correlation of skills within the Medical Center in such research.

"Both our undergraduate and graduate programs of medical education are designed to encourage promising research. In these studies, Mr. Cottrell, in his second year at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, was able to participate in basic research in addition to his regular course of studies. At the same time, Dr. Sonnenblick's program as a senior resident in medicine has enabled him to continue his studies concerned with functional and structural aspects of heart muscle," he said.



Dr. Edmund H. Sonnenblick slicing heart muscle tissue.

## Medical Center's 195 Workers Raise \$217,180 in UHF Campaign

Six teams representing the Medical Center raised a total of \$217,180.59 by Jan. 31, the end of the direct benefit phase of the 1962-63 campaign for the United Hospital Fund.

The amount realized by the teams' efforts exceeded the Hospital's "direct benefit quota" by \$87,120.59.

(The direct benefit quota system works this way: all money the teams raise by Jan. 31 in excess of a set amount—this year \$130,060—goes directly to the Hospital.)

The campaign just completed brought more money to the Hospital than any previous drive except that of 1961-62, when the Hospital received a record-breaking \$90,715.99 in direct benefits.

Chairmen of the men's teams were Howard L. Clark, Trustees, and Dr. Henry S. F. Cooper, Joint Professional Staff.

Women's teams group leaders were Mrs. C. Redington Barrett and Mrs. Ralph Boots, Presbyterian Hospital; Mrs. Charles E. Adams and Mrs. H. McLeod Riggins, Neurological Institute; Mrs. Edward H. Gerry and Mrs. William G. Maguire, New York Orthopaedic Hospital, and Mrs. Richard Migel, Babies Hospital.

A breakdown of the accomplishments of each team follows:

Team	Workers	Gifts	Direct Benefit Quota	Amount Raised
MEN'S TEAMS				
TRUSTEES	35	548	\$ 47,210	\$ 69,854.45
JOINT PROFESSIONAL	27	309		5,447.00
WOMEN'S TEAMS				
PRESBYTERIAN	48	795	23,140	45,495.59
NEUROLOGICAL	25	300	12,820	21,684.06
N. Y. ORTHOPAEDIC	26	297	25,520	42,810.94
BABIES HOSPITAL	34	401	21,370	31,858.55
TOTALS	195	2,650	\$130,060	\$217,180.59

## "We Cannot Tell A Lie"

### Tree Surgeons Amputate Oak On Washington's Birthday!

"Woodsmen spare that tree!" was the sentiment of many who have admired the large oak which, until Washington's Birthday last, graced the sprawling lawn in front of the Mary Harkness unit in Port Chester.

"The tree surgeons had been trying to save it for three years," lamented Miss Gladys Barrett, unit manager.

"But, they said it was too badly diseased and would have to come down."

Appropriately — or perhaps inadvertently — they chose February 22nd for the operation.



## HOSPITAL PREPARES FOR CENTREX; DEBUT SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 30

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**long distance call is going into an area that can't be dialed directly?**

When you hear the dial tone, dial 9; after the second dial tone, dial 0 to reach the telephone company's operator. Tell her the number you want. Or, if you're calling person-to-person, give the operator the name and number of the person you're calling. When she asks your number for billing purposes, it's 579—plus your extension.

**What if I dial long distance and get a wrong number?**

Try to determine the city, state, and telephone exchange reached. Hang up, then dial 9, wait for dial tone, and dial 0 for the operator. Tell her you have dialed a wrong number.

### I WAS CUT OFF

**What if I'm cut off during a long distance call?**

Hang up, reach the operator in the manner described above and tell her that you were cut off.

**How would I make a personal long distance call?**

When you hear a dial tone, dial 8 for the telephone company operator. Give her the details of the call. When she asks, give her your name and your extension number, prefixed by Q. For example, if your extension is 1234, your number for billing purposes is Q-1234. (NOTE: The 9Q2 long distance billing numbers will not be used after March 30.)

### YOU WILL PAY

**Will I receive a bill for personal long distance calls?**

You sure will! An exact accounting of all outgoing long distance calls will be made, and you will be billed for your personal calls monthly.

**What if I want the information operator?**

Dial 9 and listen for the dial tone. For numbers in Manhattan and the Bronx, dial 411; for numbers in Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island, dial 555-1212; for numbers outside New York City, dial the proper area code, plus 555-1212.

### TIE LINES REMAIN

**With the new Centrex system, will we still have tie lines?**

Yes. The lines will connect Presbyterian Hospital with Columbia University,



Operator Joan Cuti at the console

Delafield Hospital, Psychiatric Institute, the Institute for the Crippled and Disabled, Bard Hall, and Maxwell Hall.

To reach an extension at Columbia University, dial 70

— pause — then dial the Columbia extension desired. If you don't know the extension: dial 70, pause, then dial 0 for information.

**Delafield Hospital:** dial 78, pause, dial desired Delafield extension. If you don't know the extension, dial 78, pause, then dial 0 for information.

**Psychiatric Institute:** dial 77; when the Institute's operator answers, request the extension desired.

**Institute for the Crippled and Disabled:** dial 76, pause, then the desired extension. If you don't know the extension: dial 76, then 0 for information.

**Bard Hall:** dial 79; when Bard Hall operator answers, request the desired extension.

**Maxwell Hall:** dial 75; when Maxwell Hall operator answers, request the desired information.

NOTE: Until you're familiar with Centrex dialing procedures, why not save these instructions.

## Timer Insures No Late Calls Will Disturb Patient Slumber

A novel timing device, brainchild of a New York Telephone Co. engineer, will insure that patients here enjoy sleep undisturbed by the midnight jangling of a telephone.

The ingenious device solved a potential problem that was bothering the Hospital's Telephone Committee: Centrex features direct inward dialing—how do you prevent incoming calls from bothering patients after 10 p.m.? (The committee was especially worried about misdialled numbers and calls from cranks in the middle of the night.)

The telephone engineer's answer to the thorny question was a timer that is attached to the generator which rings the bell on all patient phones. The timer automatically shuts off the generator at 10 p.m., reactivates it at 7:30 a.m.

Should a call come in to a patient after 10, it won't ring in the patient's room. It will ring seven times within the Centrex equipment, then go to a console operator, who will answer and take appropriate action. In case of an emergency, the operator will transfer the call directly to the appropriate floor nurse.

The telephone committee pointed out that the sound of a ring can also be eliminated through use of a control wheel that is on the base of each patient phone. The wheel adjusts the volume of the ring—or eliminates it completely.

### NURSES SPARED ADDED DUTY

The device, however, requires manual adjustment, and would place the burden of shutting off patient phones at night on busy floor nurses. The automatic timer spares them from this added chore.

But the wheel is useful in sound volume control during the day. It can also protect the patient from incoming calls while giving him or his visitors use of the phone for out-going calls.

Should a physician decide he doesn't want his patient either receiving or making calls, this prescription can also be filled easily. All patient phones are portable. The nurse will just remove it from the patient's room.



POSTER OFFERS A REMINDER — HEED IT

## Suggestions Are Listed For Answering Service, Paging System Success

The Telephone Committee offers the following suggestions for insuring maximum efficiency of the Hospital Paging System and the Doctors Answering Service:

The Paging System is to be used only in urgent matters pertaining to patient care—or for reaching staff members not available at their rooms, offices, stations, or listed extensions. (Messages will be taken for members of the House Staff when the page operator is unable to reach a doctor for an outside caller.)

### PAGE INSTRUCTIONS

- To place a doctor on page—or for a physician to leave special instructions (such as locations and sign-outs) with a page operator, you should call extension 2323.

- To answer a page call or to obtain messages from the page operator, the physician should call extension 3311.

- The extension number for the DOCTORS ANSWERING SERVICE will be 3033. This number is to be used when there is no answer at extensions listed for Attending Doctors.

Urgent messages may be left with the answering service for delivery to a doctor when he or his secretary calls in after an absence from the office.

It is imperative that calls to a doctor's private office be answered promptly, because with Centrex, phones in doctors' private offices will ring just seven times before transferring automatically to the answering service.

### DRS. CAN HELP

To obtain optimum benefits from the answering service, physicians should continue to:

Provide the answering service with detailed instructions for disposition of urgent calls; with information on their normal schedule in the Hospital; with information of their coverage by other doctors; with their vacation schedules, and with all other pertinent data.

Call the answering service during or after absences from the Hospital to obtain messages being held for them.

## MAIL THOSE POSTCARDS

The success of Centrex, as has been stressed before, depends upon each extension user acquainting his potential callers on the outside with his new number.

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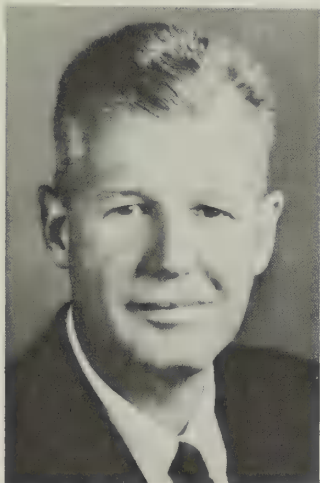
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## Six Doctors To Get Medical Center Medals

Six physicians, two of them still active on the staff, whose long service to Babies Hospital has been especially noteworthy, will receive the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Distinguished Service Medal at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Babies Hospital, April 19.

Recipients are, Dr. Hattie Alexander, Attending Pediatrician, Dr. Dorothy Andersen, Associate Attending Pediatrician, Dr. Rustin McIntosh, Dr. Richard Day, Dr. A. Ashley Weech and Dr. John Caffey.



Dr. E. C. Curnen, Jr.

Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., chairman of the anniversary committee and Director of Babies Hospital, said the awards will be presented at the anniversary dinner to be held in the Sert Room at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

### ALUMNI TO MEET

The celebration has been scheduled to coincide with this year's reunion of the Babies Hospital Alumni Association. Scientific sessions will be held at the Medical Center during the morning and afternoon of the 19th.

A commemorative brochure, describing the highlights of Babies Hospital's 75 years will be published in conjunction with the anniversary.

### ON COMMITTEE

Serving with Dr. Curnen on the anniversary committee are: Dr. Douglas S. Damrosch, Mrs. John S. Tilney, Mrs. Frederic R. deRham, Dr. C. Richard Wise, Dr. George A. Perera, Miss Marjorie S. Peto, R.N., and Miss Elizabeth R. Callahan.



Florence J. O'Rourke

## Miss F. O'Rourke, Retiring Lab Head, Plans Trip Abroad

Miss Florence O'Rourke delights in foreign travel, books, and crossword puzzles—and her recent retirement as supervisor of the Neurological Institute's Clinical Pathology Laboratory will give her opportunity to enjoy them all.

Miss O'Rourke began as a clinical pathologist at Neurological Institute in August 1924 and was supervisor of the clinical pathology lab for about 20 years.

She wanted to be a language teacher when she was a student at State College, now a part of New York State University. But a doctor friend of her family got her interested in science and soon she was at Bendor Laboratory in Albany, where she trained for two years.

Miss O'Rourke's Medical Center friends gave her a farewell tea when she left Feb. 16. She now has a part-time job in a hematology research lab at Hospital for Joint Diseases.

And when the weather improves, she's planning a bit of foreign travel, "concentrating mostly on the British Isles . . . and Ireland, of course. I was in Europe for seven weeks last year, and I liked Ireland best of all. The name helps."

Succeeding Miss O'Rourke as supervisor is Miss Vera Bandurca, who has been in the laboratory for 10 years.

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the cards in regular U. S. mailboxes.)

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Some personnel have asked whether they should also send notification cards to their personal friends on the outside. The answer is yes—definitely. If a friend might call you at the Hospital for any reason, he should know your Centrex number and dial directly.

## When 12 mph Was A Breakneck Speed

# Presbyterian, Roosevelt Rivalry Resulted in Wild Ambulance Races



THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE MUCH NOW — BUT THEY HAD THEIR DAY

These old Presbyterian Hospital ambulances are electric-powered ones, the same type of vehicle that raced Roosevelt Hospital ambulances along Fifth Avenue at the breath-taking speed of 12 miles an hour.

About the turn of the century, old newspaper clippings reveal, an intense rivalry existed between ambulance crews from the Presbyterian Hospital and Roosevelt Hospital.

The two hospitals were the only ones in New York City that operated new-fangled, high-speed electric ambulances. The crews were justly proud of their vehicles and, in at least three recorded instances, engaged in races to establish the superiority of one vehicle or the other.

On one occasion, the crews argued so lustily over the merits of their respective machines that fisticuffs ensued and . . . well, more of this later.

### RACE NO. 1

The first recorded test of speed between the two vehicles was reported in the Nov. 22, 1900 issue of the *New York Tribune*. According to that newspaper, the laurels went to the Presbyterian crew—although the men of Roosevelt reversed the decision in a later contest.

As the *Tribune* reporter saw the first race:

"Persons who happened to be in Fifth Avenue from 26th Street to 59th Street last night . . . were treated to a race between an automobile ambulance from Presbyterian Hospital and a similar vehicle from Roosevelt Hospital.

"Both ambulances . . . had been with patients to Bellevue Hospital. Both had discharged their human freight and left the hospital at exactly 10:40 o'clock.

"The Roosevelt ambulance was first out of the gate, soon followed by the vehicle from Presbyterian Hospital. When the second vehicle turned into Fifth Avenue the Roosevelt ambulance had the lead by about one block.

"Both operators turned

on full power and the race up the avenue was on. At 32nd Street (a distance of six blocks) the Presbyterian ambulance had overtaken its rival. The race from there to 42nd Street was nip and tuck, and then (the Presbyterian) vehicle began to forge ahead. It crept away from its rival slowly, however, for when the Plaza was reached it was only half a block ahead.

"There the race ended. On the way up the avenue other autos joined in, and the finish was exciting. (The P.H. ambulance) made the trip from Bellevue to the Presbyterian Hospital, at Madison Avenue and 70th Street, in thirteen minutes. The distance is about two and a half miles."

If the *Tribune* reporter was right about the distance and the time required to cover it, the P.H. vehicle made its mad dash at the alarming speed of about 12 miles an hour!

### DETAILS LOST

The second race that is recorded is even more exciting—although it seems that details of the most thrilling of all such contests, one that apparently took place between the two reported here, have been lost. This race is alluded to in the article which follows, but no clipping that mentions it is to be found in the archives being restored in the Public Interest office.

Anyway, here's the report that appeared in the *New York Tribune* of May 5, 1901:

"A dash from 57th St. down Fifth Ave. and through 26th St. to Bellevue Hospital by automobile ambulances—with a trotter and several automobiles following—excited people, especially those in vehicles, in those thoroughfares last evening.

"The ambulances repre-

sented Roosevelt and the Presbyterian Hospitals. Roosevelt only won by right of way, having the curb at the Bellevue gate, and it dashed in first . . .

"There has been heated rivalry between the two hospitals over these ambulances. Each is of the best pattern and can be run at a high rate of speed, as was shown last night. Other automobiles that tried to keep up were left behind.

"The last time a race occurred between these ambulances the drivers fought about the merits of their machines, and were arrested.

"The race last night began at 57th St. and Fifth Ave. when the ambulances met. . . . As soon as the drivers saw each other's vehicles they let their levers out to the fullest extent, and the ambulances shot past all the rest of the vehicles in the avenue. The clanging of the bells was redoubled. Automobiles once in a while take a flyer in this avenue, but none has ever shot in and out and along the street as the hospital ambulances did.

### CAN'T KEEP UP

"Five minutes is given as outside time for the distance from 57th St. to the hospital gate. A man in a carriage behind a fast trotter wondered what the matter was as he saw the ambulances flying along, and he tried to keep up. He was a long distance behind when the ambulances reached the hospital.

"At 26th St. and First Ave. the racers shot over the cartracks dashboard and dashboard. Neither could gain, but the Roosevelt ambulance was on the inside. This gave the right of way. There is only room for one vehicle to pass through the gate at a time, and this gave the race to Roosevelt Hospital."



## Color Movies in Stomach Helpful as Diagnostic Aid

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study confirmed the lesion—and surgeons found a benign ulcer exactly where the motion pictures indicated it would be.

The woman, whose operation was a success, was one of some 275 patients who have been examined through cinegastroscopy by Dr. Henry

Colcher, originator of the promising technique.

These examinations are being carried out at the Gastrointestinal Clinic of Vanderbilt Clinic, as well as at the Columbia University Research Service at Goldwater Memorial Hospital, and at the Veterans Administration Hospital in the Bronx.

### WORK BEGAN IN '47

A Rumanian-born, Belgian-trained internist, Dr. Colcher is assistant clinical professor of medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and assistant attending physician in the Vanderbilt Clinic.

He began his experimental work with intragastric color cinematography in 1947, only to encounter two impassible obstacles: color film available at the time was not sensitive enough, and available bulbs gave off too much heat for internal use.

A breakthrough came in early 1959, when Eastman Kodak made available to Dr. Colcher a new hyper-sensitive 8mm color film. Since very high levels of illumination in the interior of the stomach are required for color photography, a P&S electrical engineer devised an external light source at the same time.

Light from this source was transmitted down a fiberglass bundle attached to a gastroscope, an elongated tube swallowed by a patient, which permits visual examination within the stomach.

With an 8mm camera attached to this modified gastroscope, Dr. Colcher was able to obtain his first clear picture of the interior of a stomach in action.

### LIGHT INCREASED

Realizing that better light would produce even better results, George M. Katz, the P&S electrical engineer who worked with Dr. Colcher to make intragastric cinematography possible, invented in 1960 a special power control unit which provides flashes of intense internal illumination in synchronization with the camera shutter.

The light source for the most recent modification is a tiny bulb set in the tip of the gastroscope. It is activated by the synchronizing equipment just thousands of a second before the camera shutter opens, deacti-

vated just before the shutter closes.

The afterglow gives sufficient illumination for completing photography on a particular frame and for viewing within the stomach by the operator. Because the bulb is rested for 1/15th of a second after each 1/20th of a second burst of light, it never heats up beyond the level of patient comfort.

### DOTS GIVE IMAGE

Since late 1960, Dr. Colcher has been taking his pictures through a specially-designed gastroduodenal fibroscope. This is a flexible tube which contains a compact bundle of glass fibers. The photographic image is projected through these thousands of hair-thin fibers, registering on the film as dots. The sum total of these dots makes up the filmed image.

The flexible tube of the fibroscope results in greater comfort to the patient, Dr. Colcher explained.

He said that a person to be examined by cinegastroscopy lies on his left side on an adjustable table and the shaft of the fibroscope is gently passed through the esophagus and into the stomach.

## Alumni Reunion Dates Draw Near

"New Vistas in the Treatment of Heart Disease" will be the topic of a symposium on diagnostic methods, indications and surgical treatment in heart disease at the scientific session sponsored by the P&S Alumni on April 20th in the Dr. Franklin M. Hanger Amphitheater.

Participants in this symposium will be Dr. George H. Humphreys, II, Dr. Sidney Blumenthal, Dr. Howard G. Bruenn and Dr. Kent Ellis.

This is one of several meetings scheduled for the second reunion of the Alumni Associations of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, being held April 18 through April 20.

Dr. Herbert B. Wilcox, Jr., Reunion Chairman, said that among the many alumni groups meeting will be the newly organized Alumni of the Radiological Service of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

It was also announced that the P&S Alumni Association dinner and dance, April 20th, will be held in the Sert Room of the Waldorf-Astoria, preceded by cocktails in the Empire Room.



ONE OF 275 CINEGASTROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS

Using a 16mm camera, Dr. Colcher obtains color movies of the interior of a patient's stomach in the Gastrointestinal Clinic. At his right, standing at the patient's head, is Miss Jayne Weaver, who has been his technical assistant for over a year.

With the examining room in semi-darkness, the physician explores various regions of the stomach and small bowel. If a lesion is detected, a camera is attached to the instrument and motion pictures are taken. In May 1962, Dr. Colcher adapted a 16mm camera to cinegastroscopy and obtains pictures with this equipment, as well as with the regular 8mm camera.

### 16mm FILMING

The 16mm camera produces color movies of professional quality and Dr. Colcher has loaned copies of such film to hospitals and medical schools all over the United States and in Canada, South America, and Europe.

He has accumulated a collection of movies of various stomach diseases that will eventually be made available to medical libraries.

In June at the annual convention of the American Medical Association in Atlantic City, Dr. Colcher will set up an exhibit that will feature about 40 different cases on motion picture film. For many physicians attending the meeting, it will be their first opportunity to view color movies of the stomach in action.

Since Dr. Colcher had his initial success with color cinematography within the stomach, several others around the country have followed his lead.

### ADVANTAGES CITED

He estimates that at present, the technique is being used with 8mm cameras in about 25 American hospitals. To his knowledge, no others are yet working with 16mm equipment.

Cinegastroscopy offers

many advantages for improved diagnosis in cases of stomach ailments, Dr. Colcher believes.

For example, groups of physicians can view a film of an unusual disease simultaneously, analyze the movies over and over if necessary, and reach a diagnosis as a team.

Dr. Colcher said that diagnosis is improved with motion. In cases of lesions within the stomach, for instance, it is possible to determine through motion pictures whether an ulcer is benign or malignant by observing the flexibility of areas surrounding it. (Rigidity would usually indicate malignancy.)

More important, he feels, the training of younger gastroscopists could be greatly accelerated if a library of classic stomach diseases were available to them for study.

### TV POSSIBILITIES

Some time in the future, Dr. Colcher hopes that a more intense light source will be developed that will permit him to take motion pictures for instantaneous television pickup. Such an advance would enable many physicians to watch an intragastric examination simultaneously.

He also is considering the possibility of using infra-red and ultra-violet light in his work, hoping to discover hitherto undetected changes in the inner lining of the stomach.

Dr. Colcher's work in developing the apparatus for cinegastroscopy was supported in part by grants from the U. S. Public Health Service, the Carola Rothschild Research Fund, the Albert Lasker Research Fund, and the James O. McCue Research Fund.



# AUXILIARIES HOLD ANNUAL ELECTIONS



Mrs. R. Peter Rose

## BABIES HOSPITAL

Mrs. R. Peter Rose has been elected president of the Babies Hospital Board of Women Managers. She succeeds Mrs. John S. Tilney.

New vice presidents are Mrs. Tilney and Mrs. George L. Bartlett. Mrs. Leo C. Fennelly was elected corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Allen F. Maulsby, assistant recording secretary.

Remaining in office from the previous year are Mrs. Carl Tucker, honorary vice president; Mrs. Carl Tucker Jr., recording secretary; Mrs. Douglas Williams,

treasurer, and Mrs. Grover O'Neill Jr., assistant corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Joseph R. Ramee continues as chairman of the Cribside Social Service Committee.

## MARY HARKNESS UNIT

Mary Harkness Unit Auxiliary has elected Mrs. Thatcher M. Brown Jr. as chairman. She was elevated from vice chairman, succeeding Mrs. Edward M. Wheeler as top officer.

Other new officers are Mrs. Robert S. Archer, vice chairman, and Mrs. Alan Burnham, secretary-treasurer.



Mrs. Thatcher M. Brown, Jr.



Mrs. Edward B. Schlesinger

## NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE

Mrs. Edward B. Schlesinger has been named chairman of the Neurological Institute Auxiliary. She was elevated to the Auxiliary's top office following the death of Mrs. Bruce Brodie, who passed on less than a day after her election to the chairmanship.

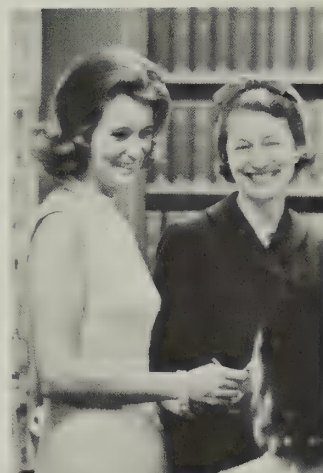
Mrs. Schlesinger succeeds Mrs. Sidney J. Wienberg, who was elected a vice chairman.

Other new officers are Mrs. Alanson B. Houghton II, vice chairman, and Mrs. Everett L. Hoskins, treasurer. Mrs. Irving B. Kingsford Jr. remains as secretary.

## NEW YORK ORTHOPEDIC

Mrs. William L. Hutton has been elected president of the Women's Auxiliary of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital, succeeding Mrs. Robert E. Carroll.

Other officers are Mrs. Carroll, first vice president; Mrs. Reed Gillespie, second vice president; Mrs. Willis L. M. Reese, third vice president; Mrs. Jarvis Slade, secretary, and Mrs. William G. Maguire, treasurer. Mrs. James O'Malley continues as the representative on the Milbank Library committee.



Mrs. W. L. Hutton, left, with Mrs. Robert Carroll.



Mrs. Philip D. Wiedel

## PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Maynard C. Wheeler has been elected corresponding secretary of Women's Auxiliary of The Presbyterian Hospital, succeeding Mrs. Arthur Gerard DeVoe.

Continuing in office are Mrs. Philip D. Wiedel, chairman; Mrs. Jose M. Ferrer Jr. and Mrs. Howard C. Taylor Jr., vice chairmen; Mrs. Duane Todd, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Garside, secretary; Miss Edith Kneeland, honorary secretary, and Mrs. Howard G. Bruenn, Milbank Library representative.

## LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH

Ignoring the bitter weather of the past few weeks, workmen push ahead on the foundation for the Medical Center's new \$15 million William Black Medical Research Building. When completed, it will tower 18 stories tall and will be one of the largest buildings for medical research in the world.



## Development Program Progress ... As The Camera Records It



SERVICE BUILDING, OUR LATEST ADDITION, POSES FOR "FAMILY" PORTRAIT

This is the first picture of the Medical Center that includes the newly-completed Service Building (at left). The \$4.5 million structure was the first construction project in the Center's \$50 million Development Program. The building already houses the Laundry Department, the Purchasing Department, Accounting Department, storeroom, and the new Centrex telephone equipment. It is expected that the remaining occupancy of the building will be completed by late this month.





# The Stethoscope

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## SURROUNDINGS CHANGE



### The Babies Hospital Story

In these days of great advances in medicine, hygiene and nutrition, it's almost impossible to comprehend the terrible death rate among infants just short decades ago.

When Babies Hospital was established in 1887, survival of the fittest was the absolute rule. So tenuous was a baby's existence that of all the deaths in New York City during the period, one-quarter were among infants under a year old, more than half among infants under three. A baby's chance of attaining maturity was no better than 50-50.

Despite this appalling mortality rate, just 27 of the city's 10,000 hospital beds were set aside for babies. There was not a single hospital in the nation maintained exclusively for babies—and only a half-dozen general hospitals even had wards for them.

#### INTO THE VOID

This was the void that the founders of Babies Hospital vowed to fill. On June 23, 1887, five sympathetic and dedicated women gathered, signed the necessary legal documents, and became incorporators of The Babies Hospital in the City of New

York. Their expressed purpose: "to provide medical and surgical aid and nursing for sick babies."

Among the pioneers were two pediatricians, the Drs. Sarah and Julia McNutt; the others were Mrs. Andrew H. Smith and Mrs. Thomas Satterthwaite, both wives of physicians, and Mrs. James Lenox Banks. The document they signed made them heirs to a doubtful fortune of heartaches and headaches, toil and trouble.

With a speed to match the urgency of their mission, the women moved ahead—

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## BABIES HOSPITAL NOTES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

### Waldorf Banquet Set For April 19

Dr. Rustin McIntosh, former Director of Babies Hospital and one of the physicians who will receive the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Distinguished Service Medal at the 75th Anniversary Dinner of Babies Hospital, will be guest speaker at the event. The dinner will be held April 19, in the Sert Room at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Grayson Kirk, President of Columbia University, and Frederick A. O. Schwarz, Vice President of the Presbyterian Hospital Board of Trustees, will present the medals. Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., Director of Babies



DR. RUSTIN McINTOSH

*Banquet Speaker*

Hospital, is toastmaster for the dinner, and Dr. Douglas C. Damrosch, Associate At-

### Six Medalists To Be Honored

tending Pediatrician, will read the citations accompanying the Distinguished Service Medals.

The Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Distinguished Service Medal was first awarded in 1953 at the 25th Anniversary of the Medical Center. The forthcoming Babies Hospital anniversary marks the first time since then that the medals will be awarded.

Among the recipients, Dr. Hattie E. Alexander, attending pediatrician, is the first active member of the hospital staff to receive the medallion. This occasion will also be the first time the

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### Pennies, Jelly, Cake & Beans Poured in to Help Sick Babies

Quite early in the history of Babies Hospital, its life-saving mission among infants won the public heart.

Gifts of money, clothing, bedding, and food poured in from all over the nation. Sunday school classes, women's organizations, youth groups, and individuals rich and poor sent their contributions, which were duly acknowledged in the annual reports.

Some early entries tell a subtle tale of the public's feeling for the hospital and make interesting reading today. For example:

"Ice cream, cake, and wine jelly for 4th of July . . . 10 lbs. white fish . . . 1 large sponge cake . . . cabbage and beans . . . 85 quarts milk . . . 1 pineapple, olives, 6 bananas . . . 1 dozen lemons, 18 oranges, 1 turkey.

"From Montana comes \$25 to furnish a bed in memory of a little Mountain boy.

#### HEALTHY CHILDREN HELP THE SICK BABIES

"6 crib sheets, 11 pillowcases, made by two little girls seven years old, who delighted in this work for the sick babies.

"A group of little boys and girls in the mountains of Arkansas sent some little clothes made by themselves and promise a dollar.

"A mission school whose inmates came from one of our poorest tenement-house districts sent last year forty pounds of pennies."

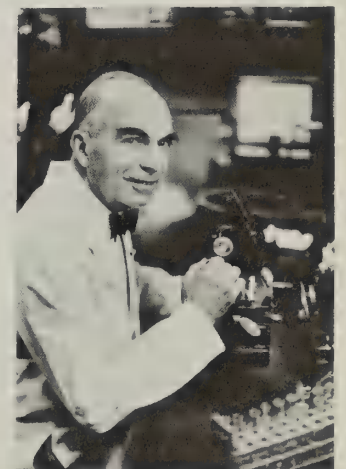
The list of donations went on and on, growing each year as more people heard of the hospital's struggle and rallied to help however they could.

### His Memories Span 44 Years Of Babies' History

Babies Hospital, until its move to the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in 1929, "was entirely for babies. Large three year olds were not admitted, as no cribs were large enough to contain them."

So recalls Dr. Frederick H. von Hofe, whose earliest

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Dr. Frederick von Hofe

## DEDICATION REMAINS





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Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox.

## STETHOSCOPIA

Rosemary Drenzo of the Social Service Staff was married recently to Dr. Edward Clinton Vollmer of the School of Dentistry. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in the Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The Nursing Department has three recent brides: Catherine Carmody, who was married to James O'Rafferty; Kathryn Panos, who became the bride of David Devaney, and Marie Diaczynsky, who married Irving Kalson.

Cathy Stratis in the Comptroller's Office has announced her engagement to Mr. Vincent Crovatto.

Clarice Dietrich, Instructor in Dental Hygiene, is engaged to David J. Hawkins. The couple plan a July wedding.

Cupid has also made a stop at the Public Interest Department—the good news will be out in June!

Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Ott, he is Assistant Treasurer, welcomed their first child on March 19th. The baby daughter, Suzanne Yvonne, and mother Helen are doing nicely. This is a real "hospital infant" as Mrs. Ott until recently was a laboratory technician in P&S.

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### Dr. Kneeland Is Speaker

## CENTER HONORS VOLUNTEERS APRIL 25 AT 12TH ANNUAL TEA

Six persons who contributed more than 1,000 working hours each to the Medical Center during 1962 will be among the hundreds of volunteers honored April 25 during the 12th annual Volunteer Tea in Maxwell Hall.

Tea will be served from 4 to 5 p.m., with Mrs. George A. Perera, chairman of the Volunteer Committee of the Women's Auxiliaries, presiding. A brief talk and the presentation of service awards will follow.

Addressing the volunteers will be Dr. Yale Kneeland, Jr., professor of medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and attending physician at Presbyterian Hospital. Mrs. Henry C. Taylor will bring greetings from the Board of Trustees.

### GAVE OVER 1,000 HOURS IN 1962

The six volunteers who will be cited for contributing over a thousand hours last year are Mrs. Anne Kingsford, 1,786 hours; Mrs. Katalin Kalley, 1,546; Miss Maud Musgrave, 1,480; Miss Hattie Bruns, 1,310; Mrs. Ida Rosch, 1,108; and Miss Gertrude McDonnell, 1,034.

Presbyterian Hospital Volunteer Pins, representing completion of the first 100 hours of service, will go to 210 volunteers. Awards from the United Hospital Fund for volunteer service will go to 289 persons.

Last year the Medical Center volunteers worked a total of 118,558 hours, according to Mrs. Marguerite E. Stein, Director of the Volunteer Department. The total established a new record, surpassing by 598 hours the previous high of 117,960 hours set in 1960.

## 13th ART SHOW OPENS APRIL 23

An estimated 1,500 persons will visit the Medical Center's 13th annual Arts, Photography and Crafts Exhibition, April 23 through May 3, in the Library Annex, 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

All entries must be received at the Library Annex between April 15 and 18. None will be accepted after 5 P.M. on the 18th.

All members of the Medical Center family are eligible to exhibit their art works: paintings, sketches and sculpture; art photography, and products of crafts, such as leather and metal work, ceramics, weaving, basketry, and needlepoint.

Entry blanks are available starting April 10 at nursing stations and the Public Interest Office, Room 4-32 of Presbyterian. Refer all questions to Public Interest, Ext. 1912 or 1913.

A preview tea for exhibitors and guests will be at 5 P.M. April 22 in the Library Annex.



Jack Brevoise, electrician, was the first exhibitor to return his Art Show entry blank—in fact he made it out while in Public Interest on a repair call.

## A.D.A. Appoints Dean Gilbert Smith To Consultant Post

Announcement has recently been made of the appointment of Dr. Gilbert P. Smith by the American Dental Association as a Consultant in the area of dental specialties, graduate and continuing education, and hospital dental internships and residencies.

Dr. Smith, dean of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, addressed the Nineteenth Congress on Dental Education held recently in Chicago. He presented "A Matching Plan Proposal for Freshman Dental Students."

## YESTERYEAR AT BABIES



THE NATION'S FIRST PREMATURE NURSERY

"This room has a floor space of 13 by 16 feet with a ceiling of 11 1/2 feet. It has double partitions and double windows so it is virtually a room within a room. Fresh air is obtained from a duct which receives the air from the roof of the building. It is then warmed by passing over a box containing a coil of pipes and admitted to the ward. The room is provided with additional heat in the form of a thermostat attachment. Ventilation is secured by two ducts, one opening near the floor and one near the ceiling, and in both are fans operated by a small electric motor. The ward contains five cribs. Each one of these patients is allowed about 500 cubic feet of air. The aim has been to keep the temperature at 90 degrees. Only the nurse and doctor are admitted to the ward." This description of Babies Hospital's first premature nursery, installed in 1909, is from the 1912 annual report of the hospital.



CHRISTIAN A. HERTER LABORATORY, BABIES' FIRST LAB

"The Herter Laboratory, which was opened a year ago, has made possible a more thorough and exhaustive study of cases in the Hospital, and has furnished an opportunity for the prosecution of regular scientific work in the investigation of many phases of disease of infancy and childhood which can be studied nowhere else than in a Hospital like this. . . . Here also our milk supply is watched and regular examinations made to insure its richness, purity and cleanliness. In short, the laboratory has become almost the right arm of the hospital service. . . . Much has already been published from the Hospital, both in clinical reports and the results of laboratory work, and much more will now be possible than ever before, thus making the institution of real value to the profession at large and to the whole infantile world." So stated the 1897 annual report. The lab was established by Dr. Herter, a consulting physician, and for many years was supported with money from his own pocket.



The old "diet kitchen" where formulas were prepared, surgical instruments were sterilized in boiling water, and dressings were sterilized in ovens.



## Babies Pioneered In Several Areas

Besides being the nation's first hospital established exclusively for the care of sick infants, Babies Hospital is generally credited with several other "firsts" in its field.

It was the first hospital in America to offer a weekly clinic for physicians in the medical care of children. As early as 1889, practicing doctors from New York and nearby states toured the wards, observing first-hand various children's diseases and learning of possible cures.

It opened the country's first "summer hospital" for babies. The hospital's Summer Home in Oceanic, N. J., operated each year from 1888 to 1933 to get sick babies away from "the stifling heat of the city."

Babies Hospital, in 1889, became the first to offer a course of instruction for children's nurses, or nurse-maids.

In 1909 Babies installed the first premature ward in the United States. Because its temperature was kept constant at 90 to 95 degrees, it was called the "warm room."

It was the first hospital in New York City to give groups of medical students an opportunity to study a variety of children's diseases right at the bedside. In 1900 the hospital signed an agreement with Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons to admit students into the wards for training in pediatrics. The affiliation has continued to the present.

In addition, Babies was certainly one of the first hospitals in the country to train graduate nurses in pediatric nursing. In the report for 1889 it was recorded:

"The decision of the board to open a post-graduate course of three months to instruct trained nurses in the care of sick babies, has provided for a serious need, and promise of a good result is most favorable.

## DR. HOLT SET LOFTY STANDARDS TO GUIDE SUBSEQUENT DIRECTORS

The striving for excellence in patient care, research and teaching that is so apparent at Babies Hospital today had its origin with Dr. L. Emmett Holt, the first attending physician.

It was a stroke of extremely good fortune for the hospital when the despairing founders were able to secure the services of Dr. Holt in the summer of 1889.

An 1880 graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, he was 33 years old when he began his leadership of Babies Hospital. It wasn't long thereafter that Dr. Holt's fame began to grow.

In 1894 he published a book on child care that became an essential item in every nursery, "The Care and Feeding of Children." A subtitle explained it was

"A Catechism for the Use of Mothers and Children's Nurses."



BOOK GUIDED MOTHERS

The book, consisting of answers to typical questions which mothers or nurse-maids might ask, was re-

vised and enlarged in 1910 and again in 1920. It made Dr. Holt as popular and often quoted among mothers of his era as Dr. Spock is among mothers of today.

Dr. Holt's fame and prestige among pediatricians and medical students was enhanced through his textbook, "Diseases of Infancy and Childhood," first published in 1896. It has been revised periodically since then and today, 67 years later, entitled "Holt's Pediatrics," is in its 13th edition and is still the authoritative text in pediatrics.

In addition to his eminence as an author and administrator, Dr. Holt was also an inspiring teacher. It was he who brought physicians and students right into the wards, to the sick patient's bedside, for first-hand clinical instruction. Many physicians who

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recollections of Babies Hospital takes him back a little before the halfway mark in its history.

Dr. von Hofe, now 71 years old, has been affiliated with Babies since 1919, when Dr. Rustin McIntosh and Dr. L. Emmett Holt, Jr., were interns. He is currently assistant attending pediatrician (inactive) and is continuing clinical research at Babies in hematology. He also maintains a practice in East Orange, N. J.

### MEMORIES OF DR. HOLT

Dr. L. Emmett Holt, Sr. was medical director of Babies when Dr. von Hofe began his career there. "Dr. Holt was keenly interested in everything," he said, "and was indeed a hard worker. He was not one to give up readily. I remember him feeling obliged to be seated at times during rounds because of ill health, but he kept on. He was regarded as the 'Father of Pediatrics' in America."

"I was told that Dr. Holt hesitated at installing x-ray, as he thought it would make sloppy clinicians—physicians would lean on x-ray rather than take time and patience to make a clinical diagnosis of a pulmonary condition. Of course, no one at that time suspected how far-reaching the x-ray would develop.

### TROUBLESOME AT FIRST

"As I remember, Dr. Stafford McLean was very interested and indeed instrumental in obtaining x-ray equipment, which at first proved to be more trouble than value.

"Finally Dr. McLean asked one of the interns, Dr. John Caffey, if he would like to take charge, and beginning from scratch he proved successful, and we all well know to what heights he went in this particular field."

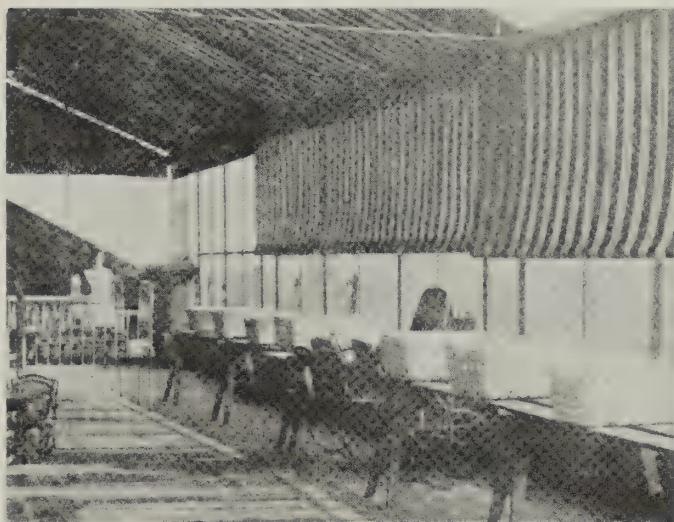
(For further details on Dr. Caffey, see the list of physicians who will receive Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Medals for distinguished service to Babies.)

Diseases rarely seen in children today were quite common 40 years ago and many diseases which now are considered not too serious often resulted in death, Dr. von Hofe said.

### DISEASES OF YESTERYEAR

"The clinic presented a great variety of cases and, with no sub-specialties, one had an unusual opportunity to follow the progress of each case.

"Rickets was florid, especially in the colored race. Vitamins were unknown, but Dr. Holt empirically recommended cod liver oil for rickets. Vitamins were first thought to be vital amino acids, hence the name vitamin, which of course is



The "cold room," where pneumonia sufferers and other patients with respiratory diseases were treated with cool fresh air.

a misnomer.

"Scurvy was quite prevalent, and deaths from scurvy were not uncommon. At times, patients who regularly received orange juice developed scurvy, but in each case it was learned that the juice was kept in a pan on the back of the stove to keep warm for the infant. Heating, of course, destroyed the vitamin C content.

"Whooping cough and diphtheria were commonly seen in the out-patient department. Schick tests and diphtheria toxoid were new, and the majority of children were without protection. The mortality from diphtheria was high, and the whooping cough death rate was high too, especially in the very young.

### PNEUMONIA OFTEN FATAL

"Tuberculosis and congenital syphilis were certainly not uncommon. Routine Wasserman tests were not performed on pregnant women, and a negative test was not required at that time to secure a marriage license.

"Cases of Tay Sachs, cretinism, and Mongolian idiocy were seen often. I had no difficulty collecting 150 cases of Mongolian idiocy to obtain data for a report.

"Pneumonia was very common during the winter months. The 1922 annual report, for instance, lists 56 deaths from pneumonia. We had no miracle drugs to treat the babies. We exposed our little pneumonia patients to cold fresh air,

frequently by placing them on the fire escape; gave them occasional transfusions, and prayed"

### VARIOUS FORMULAS

Dr. von Hofe remembers that solid foods for babies under six to nine months were almost unheard of.

"Several different milk formulas were tried. Some thought the cream from the top of the bottle was best for babies, but it proved to be most unsatisfactory for babies who could not tolerate high fat intake.

"Babies were often fed condensed milk formulas, and while they appeared fat and healthy to the untrained eye, they were soft, flabby babies, and often revealed poor resistance to infections.

"We often used thick feedings—a formula of milk, water, and farina boiled for one hour—for babies prone to vomit.

"Protein milk, called eiweiss milk, was given babies suffering from diarrhea. We also used lime water and barley water in formulas.

### MOTHER'S MILK BEST

"But the best food for a baby was human milk and the hospital employed wet-nurses to provide milk for sick babies. They no doubt saved lives, especially those of infants suffering from marasmus."

"Marasmus, a frightening, emaciating disease, resulted

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# The Babies Hospital Story: 75 Years O

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right into their first pitfall. While they were converting for hospital use a house they purchased at Lexington Avenue and 45th Street, residents of the neighborhood, fearing possible ill effects from a concentration of sick babies in their midst, obtained a court injunction halting the work. The house was sold at a loss of \$5,000.

## HOMELESS AGAIN

Disappointed but undaunted, the women picked up the pieces. In the spring of 1888 they leased a dwelling at 161 East 56th Street from the Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital. The building had a frontage of only 25 feet and, after conversion, space for just eight beds.

Doors of the new hospital were triumphantly thrown open to the public in June, a year after the incorporation. In less than another year, Babies Hospital was again without a home. Post-Graduate Hospital required additional space and reclaimed its building. Faced with a seemingly hopeless future at Babies, the Doctors McNutt resigned.

With no quarters, no pediatricians, and no money, the founders doubtlessly would have been forgiven had they abandoned the whole discouraging enterprise. Instead, spurred on by the zeal and faith of Mrs. Smith, they made plans more ambitious than they'd ever considered before.

## ENGAGE DR. HOLT

First and most important they secured the services of Dr. L. Emmett Holt as Attending Physician. He was to guide the destiny of Babies Hospital with great courage and wisdom for 33 years, becoming the best-known and most respected pediatrician in America.

At the same time that they engaged Dr. Holt, the women were able to hire Dr. Ruell B. Kimball to direct the operations at the hospital's "Summer Home," a rented house in Oceanic, N. J.

Apparently the citizens of Oceanic and nearby Seabright, N. J. were more tolerant than those of Manhattan's East Side had been two years before.

In fact, according to the hospital's annual report of 1889: "Great interest was awakened in the work among the residents of Seabright and Oceanic, to whom we are indebted for many kindly acts and a cordial invitation to return and continue our work in their neighborhood next summer."

(Not only did the Babies Hospital return to its Summer Home in Oceanic the next year, but every year thereafter through 1933.)

## DEEP DIVE INTO DEBT

In spite of the hospital's summer success, the problem period was far from past. Back in New York in the fall of 1889, more trouble was brewing. Nowhere in the city could the women find a suitable building for rent.

Then a house at 657 Lexington Avenue (at 55th Street) gained their approval and they determined to buy it. The price: \$43,000 in good sound 1889 dollars.

Picture for a moment an institution previously known to the public chiefly through its misfortunes, with no city support and little other money available, deciding to dive so deeply into debt — with no assurances of ever getting out.

But the resolute women were able to obtain \$13,000 for a down payment and dedicated themselves to raising the remainder. At one point in the next few years the balance in the hospital's treasury dropped to a mere eight dollars.

Thanks to generous gifts from many sympathetic persons, however, the hospital was able to report proudly in 1893 that it was completely free of all debt.

## GROWING PAINS

The Lexington Avenue building had a capacity of 20 beds, but so numerous were the sick babies in New York and so heavy was the weight of demands made on the fledgling Babies Hospital, it soon became apparent that the available space was sadly inadequate.

As early as 1892 Dr. Holt cited in his report the necessity for expansion of the hospital's facilities. The very next year he complained again of the restrictions imposed on the hospital's work by lack of space.

He wrote: "... so far as our work in the city is con-

cerned we have now reached the limit unless our present facilities can be enlarged. It is a fact to be regretted that we have not been able to receive one half of the cases applying for treatment, because of lack of room. It is hoped that before the end of another year we may be able to enlarge our work here."

Enlarge they did the following spring when they leased the dwelling at 659 Lexington Ave., which adjoined the existing hospital. After conversion of the new quarters, the hospital had a capacity of 43 beds.

## ROCKEFELLER HELPS

Just two years later, the cry for more room went up again. With its space so limited and its responsibilities grown so great, Babies Hospital launched a campaign in 1899 to raise funds for a completely new building.

The first substantial gift, \$50,000, came from philanthropist John D. Rockefeller. It enabled the hospital to secure a total of \$200,000 for the building and equipment.

The old hospital was razed and the new building went up on the same site. Its 8½ stories, opened to patients in 1902, provided space for eight wards and 68 beds. It was equipped with the most modern facilities available. Eight years later the hospital erected an addition on an adjoining site, and that was the end of the hospital's building activity on the East Side.

In 1929 Babies Hospital moved into its present 12-story home at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

## WORLDWIDE FAME

In a sense it can be said that the Babies Hospital story is one of growth and change. Once the institution could claim only eight beds in a rented house, no laboratory, a single staff physician, and a handful of nurses.

The size and prominence of the hospital today would no doubt astound its founders. In its home at the Medical Center, the hospital has 230 beds, dozens of busy laboratories, 167 physicians, 200 nurses and auxiliary helpers.

It admits 5,000 patients a year. Since its inception



Weighing-in ceremony — the scale looked a little more elaborate at the turn of the century.

it has cared for almost 165,000 in-patients and has recorded more than 1,000,000 patient visits. Its achievements in patient care and research have brought it universal fame.

It is evident that the Babies Hospital is no longer a haven exclusively for the care of sick infants. It has become a great institution for children, concerned with

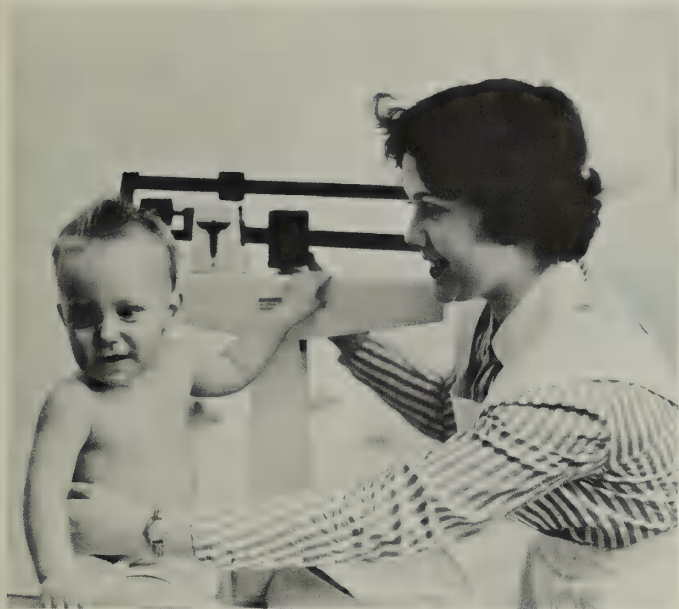
all aspects of growth and development, sickness and health. It again recognizes an urgent need to improve and modernize its facilities and accommodations. It accepts the continuing obligation to provide leadership to meet the challenges of changing times and to maintain excellence of teaching, care of patients and research.

This building was the hospital's home from 1902 until 1929. It had eight wards, 68 beds.





# Dedication To The Well-being Of Children



Weighing babies today — the art is the same, only appearances have changed.

## MEDALISTS

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medallion has been awarded posthumously. The Medical Center will so honor Dr. Dorothy H. Andersen, associate attending pediatrician at the time of her death, March 3rd.

The other recipients of the award are Dr. Richard Day, Dr. A. Ashley Weech and Dr. John Caffey.

The 75th Anniversary Celebration has been scheduled to coincide with this year's reunion of the Babies Hospital Alumni Association, which will hold scientific sessions during the morning and afternoon of April 19th.



DR. HATTIE E. ALEXANDER

Dr. Alexander, whose serum for spinal meningitis saved the lives of thousands of children, began her career at Babies Hospital as an intern in 1931. She has been attending pediatrician since 1951, professor of pediatrics since 1958. Her many awards and honors include the Mead Johnson Award for Pediatric Research (1942) and the Eliza-

beth Blackwell Citation for Women in Medicine (1956).



DR. DOROTHY H. ANDERSEN

An internationally acknowledged authority on cystic fibrosis, the late Dr. Andersen came to the Medical Center in 1929. Her outstanding research achievements earned her many honors and, at the time of her death, she was regarded as one of the nation's foremost pathologists. (For further details, see her obituary on page 7.)



DR. JOHN CAFFEY

Dr. Caffey, while an intern at Babies in 1924-25, was the first physician to achieve success with the hospital's new x-ray equipment. From this

beginning he has gone on to international eminence in the field of pediatric radiology. He is professor emeritus of radiology at P&S and consultant in radiology to the Medical Center, as well as professor of radiology and pediatrics at the University of Colorado.



DR. RICHARD L. DAY

A former chief editor of the American Hospital Association Journal of Diseases of Children, Dr. Day was an intern and resident at Babies and before he left in 1953, had risen to associate professor of pediatrics and attending pediatrician. Since 1960 he has been at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine as professor of pediatrics and chairman of the department.

DR. RUSTIN MCINTOSH

Dr. McIntosh, a protege of Dr. Emmett Holt, first director of Babies, began his long and distinguished career at the hospital as an intern in 1920. He was away for just three years, 1927-30, teaching at Johns Hopkins. In 1932 he became the third director in the hospital's history and guided its destiny brilliantly for 28 years until his retirement in 1960.



DR. A. ASHLEY WEECH

A former president of the Society for Pediatric Research and the American Pediatric Society, Dr. Weech came to Babies in 1930. He was professor of pediatrics and director of the hospital's Chemical

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from poor nutrition and was often accompanied by infection. Infants with this disease appeared like "little withered old men," and mortality among them was very high as recently as a quarter-century ago.

"We had the opportunity to see an unusual number of cases of hypertrophic pyloric stenosis, an obstruction at the outlet of the stomach. Dr. William Downs was a pioneer in the surgery of these cases, and many patients from far and wide were sent to Babies Hospital for surgery."

## STETHOSCOPIA *Continued from page two*

Mrs. Anne Lahiff, Payroll Department, welcomed her first grandchild recently. He is named Christopher Patrick.

The stork was really busy in the Engineering Department last month. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Menger have a new daughter, Loretta; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Faughnan welcomed a son, James; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCurran have a daughter, Margaret, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moran welcomed daughter Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Betrucha, in the Maintenance and Construction Department, have a baby daughter, Laura, born March 22. Father is the new chief electrician.

A son, Lance, was born on March 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Haase. The father is in Maintenance and Construction.

The Dental School welcomes Patricia Reinhart and Mary Comeaux.

Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Doris Lagergren, Occupational Therapist in Orthopedics, on the loss of her husband.

The annual Easter Party of the Bronx League for Cerebral Palsy will be held in the Attending Doctors' Dining Room at 2:30 P.M. April 7th.

Recent promotions in the Nursing Department include: Lois Augustus, to Head Nurse, Neuro; Barbara Giesecke to Head Nurse, Neuro Operating Room; Roberta Carpinetti, to Head Nurse, Presbyterian Operating Room; Roberta Shields, to Head Nurse, Presbyterian Operating Room; Donna Hoag, to Head Nurse, and Nancy Springer, to Head Nurse, Presbyterian, and Mrs. Barbara Donham, to Head Nurse, Admitting Emergency.



THIS IS THE MEDICAL CENTER'S MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

The medallion, to be awarded six physicians whose contributions to Babies Hospital have been outstanding, portrays Aesculapius, patron of the art of healing, with his daughter, Hygeia, goddess of health, as she gives nourishment to the serpent. The serpent is considered by some as the symbol of wisdom, to others it represents renewed life. The torch symbolizes the protective light of liberty and freedom of research, while the wreath signifies honor. The beautiful simplicity and dignity of the medallion are appropriately symbolic of the purpose for which it is used. Designed by sculptor Abram Belskie, it was last presented in 1953 on the 25th anniversary of the Medical Center, when 25 persons whose service to the Center was particularly meritorious received it.

Laboratory when he left in 1942. He is now professor of pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati, chief of staff, Chil-

dren's Hospital, and medical director, Pediatric-Contagious Department, Cincinnati General Hospital.



## 16-Page Booklet Reviews B. H. Historical Highlights

A 16-page commemorative booklet, *The Thirteenth Baby*, has been prepared by the Public Interest Department on the occasion of The Babies Hospital's 75th anniversary.

A review of highlights from the Hospital's distinguished history, the illustrated booklet takes its title from a passage in the Attending Physician's report in the 1900 annual report of the institution.

That year, the death rate among the Hospital's little patients was almost 37 per cent, and one of the staff's two attending physicians, Dr. Ruell Kimball, was defending the mortality rate against unnamed critics.

### ALL CASES ACCEPTED

Babies Hospital, he said, accepted all cases brought to it and did not, as certain New York hospitals did to keep down their mortality, accept only carefully screened patients, then transfer them to other institutions if they did not respond to treatment.

Still, he stressed, "Our death rate compares most favorably with that of any institution in this city or our country, and in Berlin, which is one of the

greatest centers of medical learning in the world, the mortality in the Charity Hospital last summer varied from 59% to 92%.

Dr. Kimball said some persons had asked whether it was "worth so much trouble and expense to save so few of these little sufferers."

### NO MORTAL KNOWS

Answered Dr. Kimball: "We cannot select the promising ones and leave the others to their fate. No mortal can positively predict whether the issue in any case will be life or death.

"It is not pleasant, of course, to have a dozen babies sent to us, as happened last summer, who died within 24 hours, but our reward may possibly be to save the thirteenth."

The determination implicit in this statement is apparent: no matter how sick a baby was, the doctors and nurses battled to the infant's last breath to save its life and return it plump and healthy to its parents.

Such is the positive philosophy early staff members willed to the doctors and nurses of Babies Hospital today.



Nurses gave loving care to the infants in their charge — a tradition which is synonymous with the nursing care in Babies Hospital.

Babies Hospital ward today — part of a great institution for children, concerned with all aspects of growth and development, sickness and health.



The "Summer Home" in Oceanic, N. J., where some 300 babies annually were helped to good health "through careful feeding and the application of our doctrine of 'sunshine, sleep and soap.'"

## DR. HOLT

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worked under Dr. Holt at Babies Hospital later became leaders in their own right.

### SOME STUDENTS

These included, to list just a few, Dr. John Howland, who took charge of the country's first full-time department of pediatrics at Johns Hopkins in 1912; Dr. Frederick H. Bartlett, author of a popular text on feeding and growth of infants; Dr. Herbert B. Wilcox, director of Babies Hospital from 1924 to 1932; Dr. Rustin McIntosh, director from 1932 to 1960, and Dr. Holt's own son, Dr. L. Emmett Holt, Jr., who retired recently as director of the Children's Division of Bellevue Hospital.

Dr. Holt left Babies Hospital in 1922 on an ill-fated trip to study pediatric conditions in China, where he died two years later of a heart attack.

### DR. HOLT'S SUCCESSORS

While Dr. Holt was away, Dr. Nathaniel Norton served as acting director a

few months longer than two years.

Dr. Wilcox, director for the next eight years, laid the foundation for the affiliation of Babies Hospital with Presbyterian Hospital. He supervised the demanding task of moving staff and equipment and setting up Babies at its present quarters in the Medical Center in 1929.

It was almost inevitable, when Dr. Wilcox retired, that Dr. McIntosh should succeed him. Awarded his medical degree magna cum laude by Harvard Medical School in 1918, Rustin McIntosh served his internship and residency under Dr. Holt.

### "MOST PROMISING"

When Dr. McIntosh was being considered in 1923 for nomination to the Attending Staff of Babies Hospital, Dr. Holt wrote a glowing endorsement from China: "The appointment of Dr. McIntosh meets with my cordial approval. By all odds he is the most promising man for future advancement."

True to the faith his former mentor manifested in him, Dr. McIntosh di-

rected Babies Hospital through 28 years of excellence. Except for three years as a teacher at Johns Hopkins, all of his years in the medical profession were spent at Babies Hospital. He is now a consultant to the hospital and an emeritus professor of pediatrics at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

### DR. CURNEN APPOINTED

Upon Dr. McIntosh's retirement in June 1960, the hospital secured as its director Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., then chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, University of North Carolina School of Medicine. He also filled the chair of Carpenter Professor of Pediatrics that Dr. McIntosh vacated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

A graduate of Yale University and Harvard Medical School, Dr. Curnen did his internship and residency at Children's Hospital, Boston, and was a commander in the Naval Medical Corps during World War II. He was on the faculty of Yale University School of Medicine before going to North Carolina in 1952.





# In Memoriam

DR. DOROTHY ANDERSEN

A memorial service for Dr. Dorothy H. Andersen, noted pathologist and pioneer in cystic fibrosis research and treatment, was held March 28 in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel.

Actively affiliated with the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Presbyterian Hospital and Babies Hospital for almost 34 years, Dr. Andersen died March 3 at The Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. She was 62 years old.

A native of Asheville, N. C., Dr. Andersen was graduated from Mount Holyoke College, received her doctor of medicine degree from Johns Hopkins and her doctor of medical science degree from Columbia University.

## BEGAN HERE IN 1929

She came to the Medical Center in 1929 as an assistant in pathology at P&S, and began a career in medical research that was outstanding.

In 1938, she was given universal recognition for her careful and complete description of the pathological anatomy of cystic fibrosis of the pancreas, the first American physician to describe the disease.

She was a pioneer in the pathology of congenital malformations of the heart and had a unique collection of examples of various congenital heart defects. She used this material and her special knowledge to conduct a teaching program for specialists in pediatric cardiology and cardiovascular surgery in the New York area. Her personal contribution to this field was the foundation upon which the open heart surgery program was developed at Presbyterian Hospital.

As a result of her intensive studies of biochemical and morphological aspects of metabolic disorders, she made numerous important contributions to medical literature on many of these disorders and, in her investigation of glycogen storage disorders, she discovered a new form of the disease.

## GIVEN MANY HONORS

At the time of her death, Dr. Andersen was Professor of Pathology and Pediatrics at P&S, Attending Pathologist at Presbyterian Hospital, and Assistant Attending Pediatrician at

Babies Hospital.

Because of her significant achievements in research, Dr. Andersen was accorded numerous honors, the most recent of which was the annual Great Heart Award from the Variety Club of Philadelphia, presented in February for her scientific contributions to the health of children.

She also received such honors as the Mead Johnson Award for Pediatric Research in 1938, the Borden Award for Research in Nutrition from the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1948, a Citation from Mount Holyoke College in 1952, and the Elizabeth Blackwell Citation (For Women in Medicine) in 1954.

(For details of a posthumous honor for Dr. Andersen, see articles in this issue on the Babies Hospital Anniversary Program.)

## MEMORIAL FUND

Dr. Andersen was a member of the American Medical Association, American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists, American Pediatric Society, American Society for Experimental Pathology, American Society of Human Genetics, College of American Pathologists, Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, Harvey Society, New York Heart Association, Society for Pediatric Research, New York Pathological Society and an Honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

She served as consultant to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and as Honorary Chairman of the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation. She was a member of the Medical and Scientific Advisory Board of the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation.

It is requested that contributions in her memory be sent to the Babies Hospital for the Dorothy Andersen Memorial Fund.

## DR. FRANK L. MELENEY

Dr. Frank Lamont Meleney, co-discoverer at the Medical Center of the miracle drug Bacitracin, died March 7 while playing golf in Coral Gables, Fla.

Noted for his many contributions to the understanding of surgical infections, Dr. Meleney received his medical degree from the

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College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1916 and served his internship at the old Presbyterian Hospital.

In 1919 he became an instructor in surgery at P&S, then taught for four years at the Union Medical College in Pekin, China, before returning to the Department of Surgery in 1925.

He became interested in surgical infections while in China and, upon his return to P&S, established the surgical bacteriological laboratory from which came his many contributions to the field.

He first defined and developed methods of control of two hitherto poorly understood and invariably fatal diseases, acute synergistic gangrene and chronic undermining ulcer.

He was a leader in the development of chemotherapeutic and antibiotic control of infection and in 1943, with bacteriologist Miss Balbina Johnson, discovered and demonstrated the effectiveness of a new antibiotic they called Bacitracin.

## "MIRACLE" DRUG

Bacitracin is one of the seven so-called miracle drugs, the only one discovered, isolated, developed, purified, clinically tested and brought right up to the point of commercial production by the same group of people in the same institution.

Dr. Meleney was attending surgeon at Presbyterian Hospital and professor of clinical surgery at the College of Physicians and Surgeons when he was retired in June 1955.

That month he was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of science by Dartmouth College, where he did his undergraduate study. The accompanying citation read:

"Since Lister's time, no surgeon has studied as intensively and has made so many original contributions to the bacteriology of infection and inflammation requiring surgical therapy."

After his retirement from the Medical Center, Dr. Meleney continued his in-

# Telephone Books: Discard the Blue, Use The New

Now that the Centrex telephone system is in operation, throw out those old blue-covered directories. They're worthless.

The Medical Center's Telephone Committee urges personnel to consult only the new Centrex phone book for all calls within the Center.

Remember: the directory to use is the white one, with the artist's rendering of the Medical Center on the cover in orange, black, and gray.

## TYPE NEW NUMBER

The old blue telephone book should be filed in the wastebasket.

And be sure that your new Centrex number is typed on all your correspondence leaving the Medical Center. If the person you are writing to hasn't already received a postcard informing him of your new Centrex number, send one along in the envelope.

terest in surgical infections and organized a surgical bacteriology laboratory at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami.

## MISS JANET THORNTON

Miss Janet Thornton, director of the Social Service Department at Presbyterian Hospital from 1924 to 1947, died March 2 in Charlottesville, Va., at the age of 81.

A graduate of Bryn Mawr College, Miss Thornton was a quiet, unassuming woman with a refreshing sense of humor. She began her career in social work at the Boston Dispensary and later worked at The Family Welfare Society of Philadelphia and Cornell Clinic before coming to Presbyterian Hospital.

In 1928 the Social Service Departments of Presbyterian Hospital, Sloane Hospital and Vanderbilt Clinic were consolidated under Miss Thornton. Many of the workers who had training and experience under her here have achieved prominence in social work throughout the world.

She was very interested in the training of medical social workers and under her vision and guidance an extensive program was developed at Presbyterian, in affiliation with the New York School of Social Work.

Her conviction and deep interest in the need for and continuation of social workers in the care of the sick resulted in a study of pa-

# Offer 2,000 Books In Milbank Sale April 22-May 17

About 2,000 books—fiction, non-fiction, biographies, mysteries, and children's books—will be offered to hospital personnel during the annual spring book sale in the Milbank Library.

Opening of the sale, April 22, coincides with the beginning of National Library Week. The Milbank sale will continue through May 17.

Librarian Barbara Martin said hours for the sale will be 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Book prices will range from 15¢ to \$1.50, with proceeds going toward the purchase of new books.

She explained that the number of books being offered is unusually large, because the regular December sale was not held last year.

Milbank Library is located on the 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

tients to determine the relation of social disorders to illness. This study, in collaboration with Dr. Marjorie Strauss Knauth, was published in 1937 under the title, "The Social Component in Medical Care."

She served as president of the American Association of Medical Social Workers and participated in programs at many national conferences of the organization.

## FRANKLIN E. PARKER

Franklin E. Parker, Jr., a member of the Corporation of Presbyterian Hospital since 1945, died Feb. 24 in Greenwich (Conn.) Hospital. He was 67.

Born in Bay City, Mich., he was educated in Stone School, Boston, and received his bachelor of arts degree and law degree from Harvard University.

He was a partner in the Manhattan law firm of Parker, Duryee, Benjamin, Zunino & Malone, and in the Greenwich firm of Parker, Badger & Fisher.

He leaves his widow, a son, and two daughters.

## DR. KATE C. CONSTABLE

Dr. Kate Carney Constable (Mrs. Fritz J. Cramer), a member of the staff of Neurological Institute from 1927 to 1959, died Feb. 17 in Harkness Pavilion. She was 68.

A native of Norfolk, Va.,  
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## In Memoriam

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Dr. Constable was a high school teacher and later a social worker before her interests led her to a career in medicine.

She was graduated from Randolph-Macon Women's College, Chicago School for Social Work, the Institute for Juvenile Research, Chicago, and Rush Medical College of the University of Chicago.

After receiving her medical degree in 1925, she interned at Manhattan State Hospital and Albany General Hospital, then did her residency at Neurological Institute, 1927-29.

Her major areas of specialty were Parkinson's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis and she published many papers on these diseases. When she retired in June 1959, she was an associate in neurology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and an assistant attending neurologist at Presbyterian Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Fritz J. Cramer, clinical professor of neurological surgery and attending neurological surgeon. They were married in 1933.

## Seminars, Talks Slated For April Alumni Gathering

Thirteen organizations will participate in the Second Reunion of Alumni Associations of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center April 18-20.

All the alumni associations will hold their own meetings, specialty seminars, and social functions. In addition, a joint scientific session, sponsored by the P&S Alumni, will be held at 10 a.m. April 20 in Hanger Amphitheater. The topic: "New Vistas in the Treatment of Heart Diseases."

Alumni of all the various associations also are invited to attend the annual dinner-dance of the P&S Alumni that night at the Waldorf-Astoria.

### 1,500 AT '60 REUNION

Dr. Herbert B. Wilcox, Jr., Reunion Chairman, said that the last such alumni reunion, held in 1960, had a total registration of some 1,500.

Among the organizations participating will be the newly-formed Alumni of the Radiological Service of the Medical Center.



Members of the Women's Auxiliaries attended a recent luncheon in Maxwell Hall, after which they were addressed by A. J. Binkert, Executive Vice President, who reviewed many of the important activities currently under way at Presbyterian Hospital.

## 25 Year Club Welcomes 100 At Dinner May 2

About 100 persons will be admitted to membership in the Medical Center's 25

Other alumni groups taking part are the Anesthesia Service, Babies Hospital, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University Psychoanalytic Clinic, Institute of Ophthalmology, New York Orthopaedic Hospital, New York State Psychiatric Institute, Presbyterian Hospital, School of Nursing and Nursing Staff, School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine, Squier Urological Clinic and the Allen O. Whipple Surgical Society.

Year Club during the annual dinner May 2 in Bard Hall.

C. Douglas Auty, Assistant Vice President for Personnel, said the number of new members is unusually high this year because private duty nurses are being admitted to the club for the first time.

Last year 43 persons were welcomed into membership, until then the largest group ever admitted. They raised the club's total membership to 600.

Club President Dr. John M. Brush of the Babies Hospital staff will be toastmaster. Certificates will be awarded new members by Mrs. Royall G. Cannaday and Dr. Warren M. Sperry, vice presidents.

New officers will be elected at the dinner.

## From The Mailbag

I would like to tell you how wonderful the nurses were. They were untiring in service and always kind and sympathetic. We know this must be due in large measure to inspiring leadership.

—From a former patient at Neurological Institute

My daughter was a patient at the Institute of Ophthalmology — semi-private and I had to write to tell you of the excellent care she received both physically and emotionally. The staff was not only wonderful to her but also to my husband and me. I have never been in such a well run, professional hospital.

—From the mother of a patient at Eye Institute

## Virus Study To Continue Under Grant

Greater understanding of the mechanism of virus infections and more efficient ways of fighting them are being sought in a Medical Center study financed by a renewed grant of \$30,055 from The National Foundation—March of Dimes.

The project is being carried out by a research team headed by Dr. Hattie E. Alexander, professor of pediatrics at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and attending pediatrician in Babies Hospital.

A main objective of the study has been to breed hybrid viruses which might serve as the basis of new vaccines.

Dr. Alexander and her co-workers are also following up their earlier observation on the behavior of ribonucleic acid (RNA) as an infecting agent. This chemical, which is the core of polio-virus, has the ability even when divested of its protein coat to invade susceptible cells and there reproduce whole virus.

## Dedicated to His Students

## Dr. Stookey's Book Tells of Colonial Medicine in N. Y.

A fascinating study of Colonial American medical education in the Province of New York, stressing the founding and early development of King's College Medical School, Columbia Medical School and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has recently been completed by a former professor at P&S, Dr. Byron Stookey.

Professor emeritus of neurological surgery and consultant to Neurological Institute, Dr. Stookey has concentrated his efforts on a crucial 63-year period from 1767, when King's College Medical School began, to 1830. (By the latter date, King's College Medical School had evolved into the medical faculty of Columbia College, which had been merged with the College of Physicians and Surgeons for 16 years.)

It was during the earlier years of this era, apparently, when the city of New York was in crying need of



DR. BYRON STOOKEY

medical education and regulation.

"There is no city in the world . . . that abounds with so many doctors . . . the greatest part of them are mere pretenders to a profession of which they are entirely ignorant," wrote one 18th Century New Yorker quoted by Dr. Stookey.

"Quacks abound in New

York like locusts in Egypt, and too many have recommended themselves to a full practice and profitable subsistence," lamented another citizen of two centuries ago.

This was the fertile environment in which King's College Medical School and the College of Physicians and Surgeons took root. Dr. Stookey presents an absorbing account of the events which led to the founding, and highlights of the early development of these schools.

### WORD PORTRAITS

He also offers some vivid word portraits of the persons who played leading roles in establishing America's first school of medicine (Kings College), which had from its inception a complete medical faculty, then consisting of six professors, three of whom were experienced practitioners, and three recent graduates, all of whom had studied abroad at Edinburgh, Leyden, London, or Dublin. John Jones, first Professor of Surgery at King's College, was considered the foremost surgeon in the Colonies.

The title of Dr. Stookey's work is "A History of Colonial Medical Education in

the Province of New York, with Its Subsequent Development (1767-1830)." Published by Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Ill., the liberally-illustrated book contains 286 pages of text, plus 19 pages of introductory material. The price is \$10.50.

### "WELCOME ADDITION"

The book's foreword is by Dr. H. Houston Merritt, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University.

The British Medical Journal, reviewing the history, called it "a welcome addition to the literature of early American medicine."

Dr. Stookey, who retired in 1952 after 35 years of distinguished service to the College and the Medical Center, dedicated his book to "the students of the Columbia Medical School and the residents of the Neurological Institute of New York whose inspiration made teaching a pleasure."

When the Institute commemorated its 50th anniversary in 1959, Dr. Stookey was one of two physicians presented an honorary doctor of science degree at a convocation held jointly by Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University.





# The Stethoscope

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## TRUSTEES HAIL MR. CARLE

Members of the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Hospital have paid tribute to a beloved colleague, Robert W. Carle, in honor of the 50th anniversary of his diligent and dedicated service on the board.

At a recent meeting, the board unanimously endorsed a resolution expressing "wholehearted and profound appreciation" to Mr. Carle, who has been a member since 1913.

Mr. Carle, who is President of the Cove Investment Improvement Corporation, has long held a place of deep affection among members of the board and others at the Medical Center who have known him during his many years of generous service. He is a member of the Public Interest Committee of the Board of Trustees. Like another great benefactor of the Medical Center, the late Edward S. Harkness, Mr. Carle is a revered member of Yale's Class of 1897. He and Mrs. Carle, the former Adele W. Skiddy, now reside in South Salem, N. Y.

In commemoration of this milestone of service, the board had its resolution praising Mr. Carle suitably inscribed and presented to him. It reads as follows:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of The Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York hereby expresses to Robert W. Carle, on the occasion of his 50 years of service as a Trustee, its wholehearted and profound appreciation of his many outstanding contributions to the hospital.

"WHEREAS, commencing with his appointment as a member of the Board of Managers in 1913, and continuing to the present, Mr. Carle has created an inspiring record of dedication and diligence in his service to the hospital;

"WHEREAS, his abiding interest in the welfare of this institution, its staff and patients, has been manifest; he has beautified the hospital with treasured works of art; he has endowed beds and a room for

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### TWO OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF YALE '97

Robert W. Carle, right, with the late Edward S. Harkness — men who gave generously to Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.



## WIDOW'S \$500,000 ENDOWS MOSES CHAIR OF NEUROLOGY

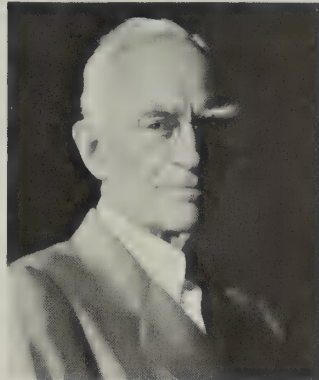
Mrs. Henry L. Moses, widow of the New York lawyer, banker and philanthropist who died in 1961, has given Columbia University \$500,000 to establish the "Henry and Lucy Moses Chair of Neurology," it was announced recently by President Grayson Kirk.

The first incumbent of the new professorship, Dr. Kirk disclosed, will be Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, who is also vice president for medical affairs at the University.

The appointment of Dr. Merritt to the chair added another link in a sequence that began more than twenty years ago when Mr. Moses,

acting for Montefiore Hospital, persuaded the present Columbia dean to come to New York from Boston. Dr.

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DR. ALLEN O. WHIPPLE

## Dr. Allen O. Whipple, Famed P.H. Surgeon, Succumbs At Age 82

Dr. Allen O. Whipple, director of surgery at Presbyterian Hospital from 1921 to 1946 and developer of the "Whipple operation" for cancer of the pancreas, died April 16 at his home in Princeton, N. J. He was 82.

A graduate of Princeton University, 1904, and Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1908, Dr. Whipple interned at Roosevelt Hospital and

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## SING SING VOLUNTEERS AID "RH BABY" RESEARCH

Medical researchers at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, in clinical experiments with volunteers at Sing Sing Prison, are developing a procedure which holds promise for the prevention of erythroblastosis fetalis — a blood incompatibility responsible for "Rh Babies."

Drs. Vincent J. Freda, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and John G. Gorman, associate in pathology, reported on the use of an experimental gamma globulin developed especially for this purpose at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.

They have been assisted by Dr. William Pollack, senior research scientist at the Ortho Research Foundation, Raritan, N. J. The studies have been supported by the Health Research Council of New York City.

### PRISONERS HELP

The doctors sought to determine whether a high concentration of antibody injected into an Rh negative individual would prevent the natural antibody response to subsequent introduction of Rh positive blood cells. Following extensive

## "May She Continue To Prosper and Serve"

"For all of us assembled here tonight, I venture to express the profound conviction that the ideals and ambitions of pediatrics in all of its comprehensive aspects come to a focus in our feelings toward Babies Hospital," contended Dr. Rustin McIntosh, principal speaker at the recent 75th Anniversary Dinner of Babies Hospital.

Speaking to more than 450 guests in the Sert Room at the Waldorf-Astoria, Dr. McIntosh went on to say that, "Pediatrics embraces the preservation of health, the full realization of growth potential, the prevention of illness and, when illness strikes, the cure of disease whenever possible, the relief of suffering in whatever form.

"We are inextricably bound up with the fate of Babies Hospital. Our successes are her successes, and hers are in grateful measure ours. We give her and have been glad to give her the full support of our best efforts.

"May she continue to prosper and serve."

### AMONG MEDALISTS

Dr. McIntosh, former Director of Babies Hospital, Consultant in Pediatrics and Professor Emeritus of Pe-

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Dr. Rustin McIntosh

## Hospital Names G. R. Masten Vice President

Mr. G. R. Masten has been appointed assistant vice president for non-professional services at The Presbyterian Hospital, it was announced by Mr. A. J. Binkert, executive vice president.

Mr. Masten succeeds Mr. W. R. Leber, who retired April 1. He was formerly administrative assistant to Mr. Leber.

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G. R. Masten



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Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox, Werner Wolff.

## STETHOSCOPIA

A recent bride in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel, was Miss Gilliam Stamford, Staff Nurse in Babies Hospital, who was married on April 18 to Dr. Martin Roginsky, a research associate in P&S.

Ed Curtis Fleck, son of William Fleck, supervisor of Maintenance & Construction, a former IBM Customer Engineer here at the hospital, was married on April 12 to Miss Jennie Moller.

George Burgess of Maintenance & Construction, was married to Miss Sandra McAulay on May 4th.

Nan Krueger, Babies Social Service, will marry Mr. Donald Tulson on May 18th.

Recent engagements include that of Miss Linda Brokaw, head nurse in the Operating Room, to Willard Andrews, 3rd year medical student at P&S. The couple plans an August wedding.

Dr. Eleanor Meneely Townsend, a graduate of P&S Class of 1961, is betrothed to Dr. Samuel Poindexter Oast, 3rd.

A daughter, Eileen, was born on April 26th to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Glenn. Father is in the Maintenance & Construction Department. A son, Mark Howard, Jr. was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Howard Toles. Mr. Toles is in the Engineering Department.

Welcome to new member in the Dental School, Joan Cooper, and to Nancy Greene and Linda Silver, in Occupational Therapy.

Miss Nellie Klok from Mary Harkness Unit, is in Holland visiting with her family. Mrs. Jenny Numme at the Unit is back to work after a recent hospital stay.

Spring is here in all its glory and the grounds at Mary Harkness Unit are so lovely that Miss Barrett has issued an invitation to nearby neighbors to drive around

the grounds and enjoy the flowering trees and shrubs. Picnics at the Unit during May are scheduled by Surgical Pathology, Student Nurses Executive Board and Squier Clinic.

Miss Joan Buehler has become Senior Supervisor in Vanderbilt Clinic, succeeding Miss Margaret Reid. Miss Reid, a member of the Twenty-five Year Club, has accepted a position with the Upjohn Gastroenterology Unit at Roosevelt Hospital.

Margaret M. Jelinek has been appointed Assistant Head Nurse in Neurological Institute.

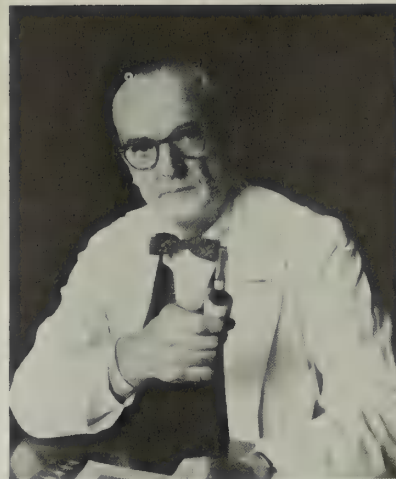
Janet Swanson, Supervisor, Presbyterian 14th Floor, and Nancy Wallace, Senior Supervisor, Neurological, recently attended the Regional Convention of the American College of Surgeons in Pittsburgh. New types and methods of surgery were presented with nursing information for each procedure.

The Medical Center Arts and Crafts Exhibit, closed on May 3rd after 1100 visitors had enjoyed the attractive displays by talented members of the Center's staff and personnel.

The Social Service Circus Party on April 29th had 75 children and 10 guardians as guests of Madison Square Garden Association. Transportation was donated by the Manhattan and Bronx Transit Authority and the Red Cross.

Another Circus party was hosted by the Department of Urology on May 4th when 34 children and their sponsors visited Madison Square Garden. Toys and ice cream for the kiddies were provided by Lawrence Neumann, concessioner, who annually plays host to the children. Transportation was provided by donations from the attending staff.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS



Dr. John Scudder

The Tenth John G. Gibson II, Jr. Lecture, under the auspices of Dr. John Scudder, Director of Blood Bank, and the Department of Surgery, was delivered on April 25th by Dr. Fred H. Allen, Jr., of the Blood Grouping Laboratory, Boston. His topic was "Attempts at the Prevention of Intra-Uterine Deaths in Erythroblastosis Fetalis."

Dr. Landrum B. Shettles, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, has been tapped for honorary membership in the Mississippi College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society for College Men.

Dr. Maximilian Silverman, Associate Attending Neurologist, appeared recently as a guest on a television show in Baltimore. He was interviewed by the Director and Conductor of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra on the subject of emotional problems in creative and performing musicians. The interview was taped and shown at a later date in Washington, D. C.

Dr. John K. Lattimer, Director of the Service of Urology and Dr. Ralph J. Veenema, Assistant Attending Urologist, spoke before the Sectional Meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Pittsburgh, Pa. They stressed the work being done by Columbia's Cancer Institute in devising new methods to predict the degree of malignant activity in cancers of the bladder and prostate at the time of the first biopsy. Dr. Lattimer was also guest lecturer before the Huntington Hospital medical staff where he spoke on the new electronic diagnostic test to evaluate impairments of the function of the urinary tract in children.

At a recent meeting in Pittsburgh Dr. Austin H. Kutscher, Research Associate in Columbia University Dental School, was appointed Vice Chairman, Section on Pharmacology, American Association of Dental Schools.

Dr. Edward V. Zegarelli, D.D.S., Edwin S. Robinson Professor of

Dentistry and Director of the Division of Stomatology and Attending Dental Surgeon, was awarded the Columbia University Dental Research Medal by the Dental Alumni Association. The presentation was made by Dr. Herman Ivanhoe, Secretary of the Association, during the proceedings of Student-Alumni Day. The gold medal award was made in recognition of Dr. Zegarelli's many research contributions in the field of diseases of the mouth and jaws. Following the presentation ceremony Dr. Zegarelli delivered a paper entitled "Dental Research at Columbia University."

Dr. Alfred Gellhorn, Director of the Institute of Cancer Research, was honored at a Founder's Day convocation of Washington University in St. Louis at a recent celebration of the 110th Anniversary of the University. Dr. Gellhorn, a graduate of the Washington University School of Medicine in 1937, together with seven other alumni, received a citation "For his significant contributions to Medical Research and Teaching and for varied and valuable services to his community and the nation."

Dr. Solomon N. Rosenstein, Director Division of Pedodontic, Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery, was cited for "dedication to pedodontic teaching" by the New York State Society of Dentistry for Children at its annual spring meeting recently.

Dr. Henry Colcher, Assistant Attending Physician, discussed Clinical Application of Cinegastros-copy and Dr. Charles A. Flood, Associate Attending Physician opened the discussion at the May 8th meeting at the New York Academy of Medicine.

### Gun Club Invites Doctors To Join

The Doctors' Gun Club of New York will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, June 3, in the Chinese Lounge of Polyclinic Hospital, 345 West 50th St.

Speaker will be Dr. E. J. Felderman, former assistant medical examiner of New York City, who will discuss "Forensic Medicine as Applied to Gunshot Injuries."

The Club is open to all physicians and dentists interested in guns. It offers rifle and pistol instruction for beginners, as well as range facilities.

For membership information, contact William Greenfield, D.D.S., 110 East 36th Street, MU 3-0367.



# 1,000 ALUMNI ATTEND MEDICAL CENTER REUNION



DEANS Perera and Severinghaus



RADIOLOGISTS Seaman and Caffey



AT THE ROUND TABLE — alumni discuss the morning's scientific sessions.



COFFEE BREAK

Almost 1,000 alumni participated in the recent second Joint Reunion of the Alumni Associations of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, Dr. Herbert B. Wilcox, chairman, announced.

Meetings of the individual alumni associations were held on April 18 and 19 with a buffet luncheon at Bard Hall sponsored by the hospital and P&S on the latter day.

The Joint Scientific Session in Hanger Amphitheatre on Saturday, April 20th was a symposium on New Vistas in Treatment of Heart Disease. Participating in the discussions were Doctors Howard G. Bruen, John M. Baldwin, Kent Ellis, A. Gregory Jameson, John O. Burris, Donald H. Singer. Also Doctors George H. Humphreys,

II, Paul H. Gerst, James R. Malm and Frederick O. Bowman.

Following these sessions was the P&S Business Meeting-Luncheon in Bard Hall at which Dr. H. Houston Merritt introduced the department heads and A. J. Binkert spoke about plans for the future of the Medical Center.

The Waldorf-Astoria's Sert Room was the setting for the Annual Dinner-Dance of the Association of Alumni of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The gavel was presented to Dr. Frode Jensen of Lenox Hill Hospital, newly elected president of the association by Dr. Girard Oberrender, retiring head.

A collection of two bound volumes of letters of tribute from students and colleagues was presented to Dr. Aura Severinghaus.



SELF SERVICE at the buffet luncheon in Bard Hall

## Moses Gift

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Merritt was then a professor in the Harvard Medical School, with staff appointments in Neurology and Neuropsychiatry in several Boston hospitals.

Dr. Merritt became chief of the neuropsychiatric service at Montefiore in 1944, and began his teaching at the College of Physicians and Surgeons the same year. He became dean of Columbia's Faculty of Medicine and vice president for Medical Affairs in 1959, succeeding Dr. Willard C. Rappleye in both posts.

In obtaining the professional services of Dr. Merritt for Montefiore in 1944 as that hospital was moving into its modern development in patient care, teaching and research, Mr. Moses served a cause closest to his heart, Mrs. Moses recalled. Mr. Moses was for forty years a trustee of Montefiore, including a term as president from 1936 to 1948, and thirteen more years as chairman of the board.

## LONG INTEREST IN MEDICINE

Mrs. Moses said that "my husband's greatest interest in the field of philanthropy lay in medicine."

"As a layman," she said, "Mr. Moses developed a remarkable background and knowledge in medical and hospital practice."

"For example, his reading and observation had convinced him that the most effective setting for psychiatric treatment was a general hospital. He believed that further progress in psychiatry would be achieved not basically through analysis, but through medicine—in other words, organic neurology."

"And this, you see," Mrs. Moses added, "is the reason for the new professorship in Neurology, with Dr. Merritt the incumbent. This is what my husband would have wished."

One of Mr. Moses' former colleagues said: "Henry Moses showed unique qualities of leadership in converting Montefiore from an institution for the chronically ill to a hospital inter-

nationally known and respected for its research and the care of the acutely ill. He gave the Montefiore board a reputation as one of the most effective advisory and administrative boards in any voluntary hospital in the United States."

## "MAGNIFICENT GIFT"

Dean Merritt said: "Columbia and the College of Physicians and Surgeons are deeply grateful to Mrs. Moses for this magnificent gift, which will further serve to perpetuate memories of a genuine and forthright humanist."

"The name of the professorship will serve also to emphasize the long and continuing activity of Mrs. Moses in good causes. It should not be forgotten that in many years as a volunteer at Montefiore, and at the Children's House of the Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association, she has complemented ably and with dedication the great talents of her late husband."

## A BELOVED LEADER

Mr. Moses was graduated

from the Columbia Law School in 1903 after his undergraduate course at Yale, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He was one of the founders of the Hospital Council of Greater New York, and helped to establish the Hospital Insurance Plan of New York. When he was about to retire as a member of the Planning Committee of the Hospital Council because of a constitutional provision that members could not serve more than two successive terms, his colleagues insisted on amending the constitution, and Mr. Moses was immediately re-elected. When he retired from the Council in 1959 for reasons of health, the Board amended its by-laws in order to elect him as an honorary director for life.

Mr. Moses also served on the United Hospital Fund, and was a director of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. He was chairman of the Federation in 1954-55.

Last year the Henry and Lucy Moses Foundation contributed \$65,000 to help

equip Columbia's new Law School, and more recently gave \$25,000 toward the building fund of the William Black Medical Research building at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Mrs. Moses said that ground will be broken in September for the Henry L. Moses Research Institute which she has given to the Montefiore Hospital in memory of her husband. The Institute will be one of a few such institutions connected with a general hospital, which will be devoted exclusively to research.

Members of the Medical Center family travel all over the world. Now that we are approaching the height of the travel season, why not plan on having your picture taken during your vacation and printed in Stethoscope?

The only requirement is that the photograph be clear enough to re-print well.



# REMINISCENCE, HUMOR HIGHLIGHT BABIES HOSPITAL ANNIVERSARY

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diatrics, was among six physicians who received the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Distinguished Service Medal at the dinner.

**THE OTHER MEDALISTS WERE DRs. HATTIE E. ALEXANDER, DOROTHY H. ANDERSEN (POSTHUMOUSLY), JOHN CAFFEY, RICHARD L. DAY AND A. ASHLEY WEECH.**

Flashes of wit and wisdom illuminated the room as Dr. Douglas S. Damrosch read the citations prior to the presentation of the medals.

Excerpts from these citations include:

**(DR. HATTIE E. ALEXANDER)**

"You have been a staunch friend of the Babies Hospital and its staff and a mighty adversary of Hemophilus influenzae and its allies and of the cardinal sins of loose thinking, wild statements and uncritical appraisal."

**(DR. DOROTHY ANDERSEN)**

"She carried a service and teaching load which would have bowed less sturdy shoulders and the only complaints heard from her were the sort of dry, laconic remarks that you would expect from a Vermont farmer contemplating the amount of granite to be removed from a potential pasture."

**(DR. JOHN CAFFEY)**

"During your tenure at Babies Hospital you created many legends and traditions. Your office was a stronghold of liberal medical thought and conservative politics—a place where one could be sure of a sound opinion on a chest film, an obscure syndrome, or the fifth race at Belmont Park."

**(DR. RICHARD L. DAY)**

"You have been a stimulating teacher in four medical schools and have recently been recognized by your students as the outstanding teacher of the year, and as such you were presented with the Golden Apple Award. This, at least figuratively, places you in direct line of succession with Helen of Troy and there is this to be said: the Trojan War was but a border skirmish compared with some of your crusades."

**(DR. RUSTIN McINTOSH)**

"You yourself have become something of a legend



and, though viewed through a temporal filter of but three years, loom as a Socrates in the classroom, an Osler at the bedside, a Churchill at the conference table and a Greeley or Perkins at the editorial desk."

**(DR. A. ASHLEY WEECH)**

"You attacked rickets and scurvy with the vehemence and ringing enthusiasm of an evangelist preaching against the flesh and the devil. That you were more successful is apparent: the flesh and the devil thrive; rickets and scurvy are all but dead. Post hoc, ergo propter hoc."

Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., Director of Babies Hospital and toastmaster, appropriately introduced Dr. Damrosch as not only a skilled pediatrician but also

a man skilled in the use of the word as a precise instrument.

President Grayson Kirk of Columbia University expressed the congratulations of the University as well as its pride in its association with Babies Hospital.

Dais guests, in addition to those already mentioned included, Frederick A. O. Schwarz, General Lucius D. Clay, Mrs. Frederic F. deRham and Mrs. Henry C. Taylor, all trustees of Presbyterian Hospital; John W. Hornor, honorary trustee of Presbyterian Hospital; A. J. Binkert, executive vice president; Mrs. R. Peter Rose, president of the Board of Women Managers, Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of P & S, and Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr.



A. J. Binkert, Mrs. R. Peter Rose, Dr. Rustin McIntosh and President Grayson Kirk on the dais.

## 25 Year Club Adds 116 To Membership

Membership in the Medical Center's 25 Year Club was pushed above the 700 mark with the addition of

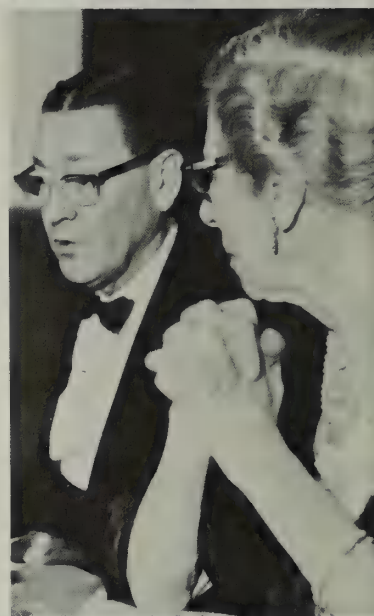
116 veteran employees at the annual dinner May 2.

The incoming group, the largest class ever admitted in one year, included 77 private duty nurses. A new ruling made them eligible

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Honored guests, Mrs. Henry C. Taylor and John Hornor enjoy the proceedings.



Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., toastmaster, with Frederick A. O. Schwarz, who extended greetings from the trustees.

Mrs. Frederic F. deRham congratulates Medalist, Dr. A. Ashley Weech.



General Lucius D. Clay offers a cigarette to Dr. Hattie E. Alexander, who was awarded a Distinguished Service Medal.



Enjoying the dinner are Mrs. F. A. O. Schwarz, Mrs. Thatcher M. Brown, Jr., Miss Mary Chamberlin, Thatcher M. Brown, Jr., Mrs. A. J. Binkert, Mrs. H. Houston Merritt, Mrs. Rustin McIntosh and Mrs. Casimir deRham.





Dr. Douglas S. Damrosch, who delivered the citations, and Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., who gave the invocation.



A congenial table at dinner includes Bradley Collins, Mrs. George Bartlett (back to camera), R. Peter Rose, Mrs. John Tilney, George Bartlett, Mrs. Bayard Walker, John S. Tilney and Mrs. Bradley Collins.



Mrs. Ella Herring and Miss Winifred Kaltenback exchanging reminiscences.



At table 5 were, Mrs. R. N. Kerst, Dr. Frank Diehl Fackenthal, Mrs. A. Ashley Weech, Donald M. Elliman, Mrs. and Dr. A. Gerard DeVoe, Mrs. Edward C. Curnen, Jr. and R. N. Kerst.

## Mr. Carle

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Robert W. Carle

the benefit of the sick and needy; he has been generous in countless ways with his talent, energies and support;

"WHEREAS, Mr. Carle's willingness to undertake and complete tasks to further the objectives of the hospital has enhanced the effectiveness of numerous committees of the Board of Trustees; he has assumed many special assignments for the Board and accomplished them with characteristic enthusiasm and efficiency;

"We, the members of the Board of Trustees of The Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York, therefore, record not only our sincere gratitude for his meritorious efforts in behalf of The Presbyterian Hospital, but also our genuine affection and esteem. It is with pride that we note this golden milestone and salute a dedicated and beloved colleague."

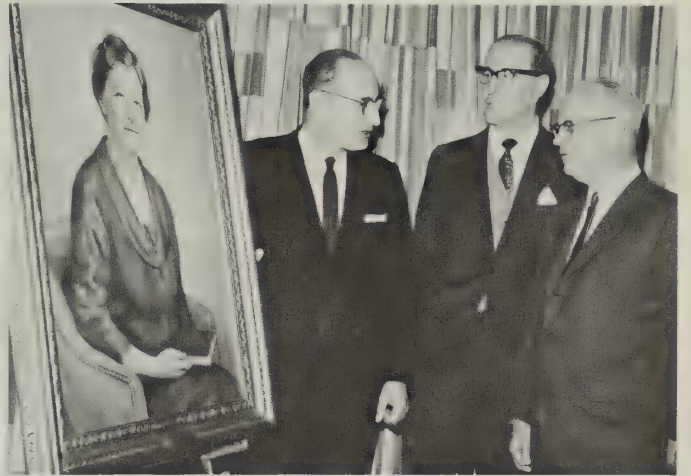
Table talk among Mrs. Carll Tucker, Jr., Robert H. Mulreany (back to camera) Dr. George Fish, Mrs. Carll Tucker, Dr. C. R. Wise and Mrs. Robert H. Mulreany.

Among those enjoying the Babies Hospital anniversary dinner were (lower left) Dr. Robert W. Winters (back to camera) Mrs. Irving Kingsford, John Weinberg, Mrs. Herbert E. Poch and Mrs. John Weinberg. At lower right Dr. John Sinclair, Dr. Peter McCormick, Dr. Anna McCormick and Dr. Alan Aron.



## NEW HONORS FOR DR. ANDERSEN

Posthumous honors continue for Dr. Dorothy H. Andersen, the unassuming woman pathologist-physician credited with awakening the medical world to the existence of cystic fibrosis. On April 28, 25 years after her identification of the life-threatening disease, the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation paid tribute to her memory. In photo above, a \$25,000 check for the Babies Hospital Cystic Fibrosis Center is presented by Dr. K. S. Landauer, right, the Foundation's vice president for medical affairs, to Drs. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., director of the pediatric service at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, and Carolyn Denning, a pediatrician who is carrying on Dr. Andersen's work in cystic fibrosis at Babies Hospital. A portrait of Dr. Andersen, that will hang in Babies, is unveiled in the bottom picture by Robert Natal, left, Foundation president, Frank Slater, the artist, and Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and director of the Neurological Service at the Medical Center. Dr. Andersen served the Medical Center from 1929 until her death of cancer March 3.





# 25 Year Club Members Enjoy Annual Dinner

## 25 YEAR CLUB

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for membership for the first time.

During the dinner, members elected Dr. Alan De-Forest Smith to head the club for the next year. Dr. Smith, professor emeritus of orthopedic surgery, succeeds out-going president Dr. John M. Brush of the Babies Hospital staff.

Other new officers are Mrs. Sheldon Whitehouse and Dr. William J. Savoy, vice presidents; Miss Elizabeth R. Callahan, secretary; Miss Grace Leidy, assistant secretary, and Francis B. Johnston, treasurer.



GUESTS GREET MISS THEODORA ROOT, former superintendent of the old New York Orthopedic Hospital.



CHATTING: Dr. John M. Brush, left, outgoing president of the 25 Year Club; Dr. Aura E. Severinghaus, and Dr. Edward B. Self.



DR. H. HOUSTON MERRITT ADDRESSES MEMBERS DURING BANQUET



John Bolger and Walter Trotman



Dr. Charles Steer at microphone



New members Miss Elinor Mason, above, and Dr. John E. Scarff, below, rise to be recognized.



CENTURY OF SERVICE  
Thorn F. Many and Anton Samuel



Dr. Lester Mount accepts membership certificates for his table.



Nurse Elna Saamanen has the attention of C. Douglas Auty.

## NEW MEMBERS OF 25 YEAR CLUB

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES**  
Mrs. Rodman B. Montgomery,  
Babies Hospital  
Mrs. Louis M. Rousselot,  
Presbyterian Hospital

**PHYSICIANS**  
Dr. Daniel C. Baker, Jr.  
Dr. Jose M. Ferrer, Jr.  
Dr. John P. Lambert  
Dr. Rhoda M. Mickey  
Dr. Lester A. Mount  
Dr. Harry M. Rose  
Dr. John E. Scarff  
Dr. Howard B. Shookhoff  
Dr. Charles M. Steer  
Dr. Ralph C. Yeaw

**D.O.S.**  
Dr. Fred Rothenberg

**STAFF NURSES**  
Mrs. Mary R. Barrett  
Mrs. Margaret Blake  
Mary M. Brown  
Mrs. Harriet M. Klenk  
Alice E. Lundin  
Evelean G. Pierce  
Gaston Poirier  
Mrs. Marguerite Primerano  
Mrs. Evelyn B. Spicer  
Naomi Waldvogel  
Mrs. Florence G. Weber  
Florence West

**PRIVATE DUTY NURSES**  
Carolina Antelo  
Marjorie Beddie  
Agnes M. Bell  
Almeda Bennett  
S. Irene Betts  
Martha Boehm  
Mary A. Boris  
Mary D. Boudreau  
Agnes Jane Boyle  
Kathryn E. Brownell  
Anna M. Burns  
Mary Cahir  
Helen Cassidy  
Clara L. Cleavelle  
Mrs. Rieta D. Coleman  
Ruth B. Corwin  
Mrs. Blanche G. Costello  
Edna J. Couch  
Dorothy E. Crane  
Mary K. Daniel  
Lorraine K. Davis  
Camilla De La Mater  
Luigia Dell'Osso  
Delia Delaney  
Mary I. Diller  
Muriel A. Dorey  
Margaret G. Elliott  
Emily L. Fellow  
Amelia Filenschmidt  
Alice E. Flynn  
Katherine Flynn  
Georgia E. Foster  
Louise A. Graham  
Mary I. Hastings  
Mrs. Violet Helm  
Marta S. Houlder  
Sigrid Q. Janze

Barbara Keane  
Lillie E. Kerr  
Ethel Kirkland  
Marie K. Laudenslager  
Eva Leonard  
Annie M. Looke  
Mabel McCreary  
Lillian McHarrie  
A. Elizabeth McKinnon  
Annabel F. MacDonald  
Lois M. MacMillan  
Muriel McC. Main  
Esther Manning  
Elinor E. Mason  
Irene Mirossay  
Anne T. Mooney  
Elsie C. Muir  
Alice Murphy  
Mrs. Bridget L. Murphy  
Ethel F. Nord  
Nan O'Sullivan  
Nora Ann Partiquin  
Mrs. Thelma Phelan  
Ethel M. Pritchard  
Anna W. Punday  
Wanda M. Rogers  
Charlotte Shapter  
Bernice Sparham  
Margaret E. Spillane  
S. Louise Stone  
Helen M. Summers  
Myrtle Swinyer  
Mrs. Marion K. Thatcher  
Frances G. Townsend  
Mrs. June Voerth  
Marjorie Wallace  
Mary A. Walsh  
Mrs. Kathryn Weare  
Olive E. West  
Mary G. Wilson

**OTHER PERSONNEL**  
Mrs. Ethel M. Breslin,  
Sterile Supply  
Mrs. Claudia DeGorin,  
Neurology, P&S  
Louise R. Hewson,  
Psychology  
Peter Krestynick,  
Clinical Pathology  
Charles McCarthy,  
Vanderbilt Clinic  
Mrs. Margaret Mahoney,  
Elevators  
Mrs. Louise Multer,  
Housekeeping  
Stanley Muzoleski,  
Mary Harkness Unit  
Winifred Redman,  
Pediatrics, P&S  
Mrs. Florence Schnurr,  
Housekeeping  
Janet Schubert,  
Social Service  
Mrs. Hannah Shaughnessy,  
Clinical Pathology  
George Thyge,  
Cancer Research, P&S  
Howard Tillman,  
Food Service



## 100% Participation Urged In Greater N. Y. Fund Drive

The "Kick-Off" Rally for the 1963 campaign of the Greater New York Fund was held on May 7 in the 4th Floor Amphitheater of Babies Hospital. The campaign runs through May 30th.

Dr. Carl R. Wise, chairman of the campaign at the hospital, welcomed the representatives and introduced A. J. Binkert, executive vice president, who expressed his appreciation to those who give of their time and efforts to collect for the Fund.

The fact that Presbyterian Hospital was in first place in the 1962 campaign,

among hospitals in New York City, both in amount contributed and per cent of participation, points up the importance of having a zealous group of workers in each department, Mr. Binkert said. He urged an all-out effort to reach 100% participation.

### FILM SHOWN

A film "All Fall Down," narrated by Paul Newman and produced especially for this campaign, was shown. It tells the story of the health and welfare agencies supported by the Fund, who work with children in New York City.

The Greater New York Fund is the only community-benefit campaign to which the Hospital employees are asked to contribute each year. Our own hospital is a beneficiary of the Greater New York Fund-United Hospital Fund campaigns and last year received \$341,000 from the combined collections.

In 1962 The Presbyterian Hospital contributed \$10,618.65 to the Fund and had 79% participation. Eighty-four representatives distribute the Fund's literature and pledge cards among the employees, who make may their contributions in one payment or spread over a ten week period. Pledges will be deducted from pay checks when so indicated on the pledge card.

## Crucial Day For P & S Seniors ... And Their Families



WAITING: Fred Tiley's daughter fingers the label of his jacket.

One day each year, hospitals throughout the United States mail announcements to the country's medical schools disclosing the names of those seniors they have selected for internships.

The 117 seniors who will receive their degrees this year from Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, assembled with wives and children in Bard Hall early one memorable March morning to learn the contents of such mail here.

Dr. George A. Perera, associate dean, announced the anxiously awaited appointments, which will take members of this year's graduating class to house staffs all over the country—mostly in

university or university affiliated hospitals.

Since the announcements indicate what part of the country will become home—at least temporarily—and since almost two-thirds of the class members are married, the assembly where these appointments are made known has become very much of a family affair.

After these young families within the Medical Center family learned where their further education will take them, they had a chance to relax and enjoy coffee and rolls, under the auspices of the P & S Alumni Association, before returning to class or domestic responsibilities.



A CITATION FOR GENEROSITY

Dr. C. R. Wise, left, Presbyterian Hospital chairman for the 1962 Greater New York Fund Campaign, receives a citation from Mr. Vernon Stutzman, out-going president of Greater New York Hospital Association, for the hospital's contributions to the campaign. Presbyterian employees gave a record-breaking \$10,618.65 to the campaign. A spokesman for the Fund said that Presbyterian was tops among all participating hospitals in total and per capita giving.



GOOD NEWS: Dudley Ferrari's internship appointment pleases wife.

SMILES: Mary Lesneski hears husband's appointment read. At left is Mrs. Gretchen Churchill.

ANXIOUS: Only Junior is unconcerned.



## Minnie's Feeling Kittenish Again!

It's really nothing new, but Queen Princess Minnie Moe Pocahontas Rowe is expecting again.

Minnie is a cat, a terrifically prolific cat that belongs to Tom Rowe, an accountant in the hospital's Accounting Department. He thinks she's doing her best to bring about a feline population explosion.

In ten years of living, Minnie has produced 27 litters, not counting the one she's carrying now. Only one minor handicap has kept her from overrunning the Bronx with kittens: she has small litters, not more than three offspring at a time.

But by sheer persistence the fertile feline has presented her owners with so many kittens that even Tom, trained in numbers as he is, has difficulty keeping tabs on her output.

Her total, by Tom's calculations, is 72.

Now he's curious to learn whether this is some sort of a record. Or whether 28 litters is?

If you know, let Tom know.

Just a word of caution though. Approach him warily. He might offer you a kitten.



## RH Baby

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oners who had not been protected with the antibody were given positive blood cells.

### SENSITIZATION PREVENTED

"The four who received antibodies did not become sensitized by the Rh positive blood," Dr. Freda explained.

"Their natural immunological mechanism which would have produced antibodies did not react to the positive blood cells, because the injected antibodies apparently inactivated these cells before they could stimulate an immune response," he continued.

"The suppression of an initial immune response to an antigen by the passive administration of an excess of the corresponding antibody—is an accepted immunological phenomenon. We have merely extended this observation to the Rh-anti Rh system."

Four of the five prisoners who were not protected by injection of antibodies prior to receiving the positive blood cells became highly sensitized. Their antibody mechanisms were stimulated and antibodies were still present in their systems six months after they stopped receiving positive blood.

### PROTECTION LASTS

In the group protected with the antibody preparation, there was no evidence of natural antibodies during the five months of injections and at three months after the last injection no Rh antibody could be detected in any of the protected groups, and this held true for an additional follow-up of three months.

The possibility of protecting Rh negative mothers by administering antibody following childbirth occurred independently to Dr. Ronald Finn and Cyril Clarke in England and to Drs. Freda and Gorman in the United States.

The concept prompted the Columbia-Presbyterian researchers to enlist the help of the Ortho Research Foundation in the development of a safe and potent Rh antibody preparation which could be administered by a single, small intramuscular injection.

### NEW STUDY BEGINS

"We must get more clinical experience with this specialized gamma-globulin and we have already started an expanded study with an



Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Leber enjoy the retirement party held in his honor.

## Mr. Masten

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A native of Fairview, N. J., where his father was superintendent of schools for 37 years, Mr. Masten was graduated from Tena-fly, N. J., High School. He went to Wesleyan University, receiving a bachelor of arts degree, cum laude, in 1939 and a master of arts degree in economics the next year.

He was working toward a doctor's degree in economics at Duke University when he was drafted into the Army in July 1941.

### SERVED IN IRAN

After graduation from

additional 20-30 volunteers from Sing Sing Prison. We must determine if the preparation will protect equally well when administered two days after the Rh positive blood is given," Dr. Freda said.

In this way, the doctors hope to determine whether this is soon enough to destroy the positive blood cells before they can activate the natural antibody mechanism.

This would more closely simulate the chronology of such treatment for pregnant mothers, who would receive antibodies by intramuscular injection after delivery of their first baby, should further studies confirm the safety and potential value of this antibody preparation.

During pregnancy, minute amounts of positive blood may seep into the mother. However, greater amounts probably enter her system at the time of delivery, and this, they suspect, is the important stimulus in initiating the immunological reaction on the part of the mother. A small amount of positive cells seeping through during a second pregnancy apparently is sufficient to act as a booster and trigger the antibody mechanism.

### "NO ONE KNOWS"

Drs. Freda and Gorman theorized that the large volume of positive blood enter-

ing the mother at the time of delivery following her first pregnancy is the key

factor in predisposing her antibody mechanism. They then suggested that injection of antibody at that time would destroy the positive cells before they had a chance to so predispose the natural antibody mechanism.

"The basic problem," explained Dr. Freda, "is that no one really knows when the prime stimulus for Rh sensitization takes place—during the pregnancy or at the time of delivery."

"Protection with antibody following delivery can only succeed if the prime Rh stimulus occurs about the time of delivery. A clinical trial with this specialized gamma-globulin could provide us with an answer within five years."

Approximately one out of

daughters Judy, 12, and Laurie, 9. He presently is vice president of the Cresskill Board of Health.

Mr. Leber, who came to the Medical Center in November 1959 as administrative assistant in charge of buildings and grounds, had been assistant vice president for non-professional services since April 1961.

He earlier had been in the field of hotel administration and, just before accepting his position at the Medical Center, was assistant vice president and executive engineer of the Hilton Hotels Corporation.

He attended Cornell University and received a degree in mechanical engineering from Rutgers University in 1921. During the 1930's he lectured at the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration.

He and his wife, the former Marion Hirner, live in Woodbridge, N. J.

Mr. Leber was honored by some 300 of his Medical Center friends and associates at a party March 21 at Harkness Hall Recreation Room.

## From The Mailbag

This is the first testimonial letter I have ever written, but during my stay at Eye Institute your entire staff, especially your nurses, afforded me the kindest, most considerate and efficient service that I have ever received anywhere. I feel sure that due to all their efforts my eye surgery was most successful, my recovery most pleasant and my recuperation most complete.—from a former patient at Eye Institute

I underwent surgery and am writing this letter to tell how wonderful the care was during my stay on the 17th floor. All the nurses gave me wonderful care and I truly feel that my convalescence was most pleasant and rapid due to their superlative nursing skills.—from a former patient in Sloane Hospital

two days after the volunteers receive the positive blood cells, we then must do an extensive study on prospective mothers (treated and control groups) who are susceptible to Rh sensitization.

"We will have to follow them beginning with their very first pregnancy, administer the antibody to the test group after the delivery of their first babies, and continue to follow them throughout a second pregnancy and perhaps a third."

### CLINIC IS ESSENTIAL

In 1960, guided by the initial suggestions of Professor Howard C. Taylor, Jr., Dr. Freda organized an Rh antepartum clinic at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in order to follow and observe the natural history of Rh sensitization in Rh negative mothers and to apply and evaluate new methods of management for mothers already sensitized.

"A carefully organized and supervised antepartum clinic of this type is absolutely essential in order to carry out the type of study we propose," Dr. Freda explained.

If this hypothesis is ultimately borne out, it may be possible in the near future to save the lives of thousands of babies who die before they are born and to eliminate the condition known as erythroblastosis, a hemolytic disease among newborn whose blood is incompatible with their mothers', and has to be exchanged at birth.



Drs. John Gorman and Vincent Freda discuss some of the details relating to their current research at Sing Sing.

every 200 newborn in the United States is affected to some degree as a result of

Rh sensitization. In these cases, the mother's blood type is Rh negative, the father's Rh positive and the unborn infant's also Rh positive.

### 15% DIE BEFORE BIRTH

When the positive blood cells from the baby enter the mother's blood stream in sufficient volume they stimulate formation of antibodies. These antibodies then destroy the baby's Rh positive blood cells, resulting in acute anemia, or, in approximately 15 per cent of such pregnancies, death in utero.

"We are still a few years from substantiating our theory," Dr. Freda continued.

"If our studies confirm our belief that the antibody can be administered safely



# I Hear Figs Is Good For Cancer. Stewed Figs? Man Didn't Say!

Modern medical scientists may be struggling needlessly to find cures for the many ills that still imperil the health and life of Man.

At least you get that impression from a perusal of some of the unsolicited letters that arrive periodically in the Public Interest Office.

The authors of these letters—they read like the enthusiastic spiel of an old-time travelling medicine man—claim to have remedies for everything from varicose veins to cancer.

## BREAD & ONION CURE

The case of Helen Klaben, the Brooklyn girl who had five of her frost-bitten toes amputated at Presbyterian Hospital after 50 days of exposure to sub-zero temperatures in the Yukon, prompted a letter from a farmer-healer in Ontario, Canada.

Describing himself as "just a darned old rube from a highgrass town," the man suggested that frost-bitten digits might be cured by the application of grated onion and bread. He said the onion-bread treatment had saved his own frozen big toe and had also worked for a neighborhood woman.

Best of all, he added, he had "stopped" what he be-

lieved were three cases of cancer in the initial stage. His cure: figs, applied to the diseased area. (He confessed though that none of the cases had been "professionally diagnosed" as cancer. Didn't explain whether the figs should be stewed or dried either.)

Another man with a "sure cure" for cancer recently offered it to the hospital. He also claimed a "mineral water" that knocks the nastiness out of arthritis, hardening of the arteries, varicose veins and ulcers of the stomach.

In his travels from Vancouver, Wash., to Florida, he acquired "testimonies of people and horses and cattle" that praised the curative worth of his wonder water.

According to his own admission, he had treated several cases of "paralyzed and polio" ("in about a week they can walk"), and 800

horses with sleeping sickness, of which only 14 died ("they had been treated before I got to them").

Such "miracle" cures are revealed to women as well as men.

## VANILLA FOR VIM

When a prominent patient was hospitalized here last year with a lung infection, a Connecticut lady suggested an interesting remedy, one she said was also excellent for all bronchial colds.

The medicine, which she allegedly found through "faith and spiritual research," is an extract from "the bean of the orchid of all flowers." In laymen's language, the extract is vanilla.

Not one to shun her own medicine, the lady takes a "dessert spoonful" three times a day, she said, and has discovered that "when not diluted it acts quicker and more effectively."

Probably does, too. Vanilla extract contains about 35 per cent alcohol. As your friendly innkeeper can tell you, that's 70 proof stuff.

## Study Here Adds To Knowledge Of Anesthetics

Scientists at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and Goldwater Memorial Hospital have completed a study which reveals new data on the distribution of an anesthetic, thiopental, in human fat several hours after administration.

Drs. Leonard Brand, Lester C. Mark, James M. Perel, William Perl, Peter G. Dayton, and Mrs. M. McM. Snell, described their findings on the uptake of thiopental by human fat, at a recent meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.

The researchers said that thiopental, which is administered intravenously and has an affinity for fat, travels very rapidly to the brain, quickly inducing sleep. It is also transported through the blood to other parts of the body.

Concentrations of thiopental in fat are seen to rise rapidly for about one and one half hours, then much more slowly reaching a plateau which is sustained

until about five hours following administration, after which time the level diminishes. This is the first investigation in man of distribution of thiopental in fat as late as six hours after administration.

The doctors said that some of the thiopental binds itself to plasma proteins in the body, which means that certain amounts of the anesthetic are not available to act pharmacologically. They added that the study reveals an increase in such binding as the concentration of the drug is diminished.

The research also indicated that different fat depots throughout the body approach equilibrium at different rates, suggesting that the rate of blood flow to each area is different. Since thiopental represents a whole class of drugs which are highly fat soluble, this leads to the application of this information to other such drugs. Furthermore, these findings suggest that it may be possible to use thiopental as a tracer drug to measure blood flow to fat.

While the exact manner in which anesthesia induces sleep remains a medical mystery, studies such as

this are adding to scientific understanding of what takes place after the anesthetic enters the body.

The researchers added that this new study enhances the general information being accumulated on the action of anesthetics, contributes to the prospect for improving anesthetics and increases knowledge of the functioning of physiological systems.

## Dance Proceeds Aid Nursery

Dr. and Mrs. George H. Wilkie were chairmen for the sixth annual Mother Goose Ball, held May 11 in the 168th Street Armory.

Proceeds from the dance help finance operation of the Medical Center Nursery School Inc., a parent-cooperative project for children of medical students, residents and attending physicians connected with the Medical Center.

Honorary chairmen were Dr. Virgil Damon and Mrs. W. Duane Todd.



Speakers at the Volunteer Tea: Dr. Yale Kneeland, Jr., Mrs. George A. Perera, Mrs. Henry C. Taylor and Dr. C. R. Wise.

## SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERS DRAWS PRAISE AT TEA

The spirit with which Volunteers "come into the hospital and dedicate themselves to the care of our patients" was praised during the 12th annual Volunteer Awards Tea in Maxwell Hall.

Addressing the Volunteers on April 25, Dr. C. R. Wise, assistant vice president for professional services, said: "Everybody counts on you people. I think half the hospital services would collapse without you."

Acclaim for their "cheerfulness and graciousness" was added by the principal speaker, Dr. Yale Kneeland, Jr.

"In an age of perhaps too much professionalism," he said, "you exemplify, in the highest possible sense, the concept of the dedicated amateur."

During recognition ceremonies, hundreds of awards from the United Hospital Fund and Presbyterian Hospital were presented the proud Volunteers for their devoted service. A total of 1,034 persons gave 118,558



Volunteers enjoy the program at the Volunteer Tea.

hours to the hospital last year to establish a new record for volunteer service.

A highlight of the program was an exciting musical presentation by the Madrigal Singers of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, who offered five selections under the direction of Barry Wood.

Mrs. George A. Perera, chairman of the Volunteer Committee of the Women's Auxiliaries, presided during the tea.

## British Psychiatrist Delivers Rado Lectures May 24-25

British psychiatrist Dr. Michael Balint, regarded as one of the outstanding contemporary contributors of original thought in the field of psychoanalysis, will deliver the seventh annual Sandor Rado Lectures May 24 and 25 in Bard Hall of the Medical Center.

The lectures, sponsored by the Psychoanalytic Clinic for Training and Research of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, will be at 8:45 p.m. May 24 and 10 a.m. May 25.

Dr. Balint's topic is "The Malignant and Benign

Forms of Regression." He is associated with London's famed Tavistock Clinic for psychiatric treatment and is honorary assistant in the Department of Psychological Medicine at University College Hospital, also in London.

The lectureship is endowed by the Alumni Association of the Psychoanalytic Clinic and honors Dr. Rado, a founder of the clinic and its director from 1945 to 1955.

A dinner in honor of Drs. Balint and Rado will precede the May 24th lecture.



## Dr. Whipple Succumbs At 82

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Sloane Hospital for Women before joining the staff of Presbyterian Hospital in 1911.

In 1921 he was appointed director of surgical services at Presbyterian and professor of surgery at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Ten years later he was chosen the first incumbent of the Valentine Mott professorship of surgery, named for a famous New York Surgeon.

### MANY HONORS

During his long years with the hospital and college, Dr. Whipple became one of the nation's leading abdominal surgeons and was known around the world for his pioneer work in operations on the spleen and gall bladder.

In 1946, the year he retired from the Medical Center, he was awarded the Katherine Berken Judd Prize for developing an operation for removal of tumors of the pancreas. It had taken him 10 years to develop the technique, and it became known immediately as the "Whipple operation."

Many other honors came to Dr. Whipple. In 1953 he was awarded the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Medal for Distinguished Service. Five years later he received Princeton's Woodrow Wilson Award, conferred annually on the alumnus best exemplifying "Princeton in the nation's service."

In 1955 the Allen O. Whipple Surgical Society was established to "foster and preserve the ideals and teachings" of the noted surgeon. For his own contributions, he received the first Graham Award from Washington University the same year.

### HEADED SOCIETIES

He was former president of the American Surgical Association, the Society for Clinical Surgery, the Surgical Research Society, and the New York Surgical Society.

Born in Persia of missionary parents, he maintained a life-long interest in Oriental languages and Arabian medicine. He was an advisor on training at the medical center of American University, Beirut, Lebanon. He also worked in Iran as a consultant, serving as a board member of the Iran Foundation and, in 1957, he was made a member of the Iranian Royal

Order of Homayoun.

During World War II he was a member of the National Research Council's committee on surgery and served as a consultant for the council in Great Britain and North Africa.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Richard J. Bing; six grandchildren and two sisters. His son, Allen Jr., a retired aircraft engineer, died April 8.

### Memorial Service Held for Dr. Meleney

A memorial service for the late Dr. Frank Lamont Meleney was held May 2 in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel.

Dr. Meleney, who died March 7 in Coral Gables, Fla., was formerly attending surgeon at Presbyterian Hospital and professor of clinical surgery at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He retired in 1955.

He was noted for his many contributions to the understanding of surgical infections and was co-discoverer at the Medical Center of the miracle drug Bacitracin. (His obituary appeared in last month's *Stethoscope*.)

### BOOK SALE CONTINUES

Some 1,000 books are still available to Medical Center personnel in the Milbank Library's annual spring sale.

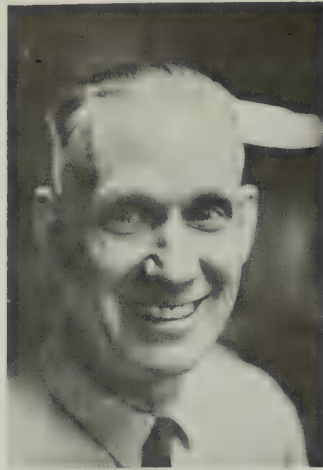
Miss Barbara Martin, librarian, said the books include works of fiction, non-fiction, biographies, mysteries, and children's books. Some sets and a few older, rare books are also being offered.

Although the sale will continue through May 17, more than 1,300 books have already been sold, resulting in proceeds of slightly over \$550. The money will be used to buy new books.

Miss Martin said much credit for making this sale the best ever is due to Miss Florence Vanderbilt, who donated about 1,500 books to Milbank Library from the discontinued library in Maxwell Hall.

Hundreds of these books have been sold in the present sale, Miss Martin added.

Milbank Library is on the 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.



John J. Mahoney

### Last Blacksmith Retires; Takes An Anvil With Him

The man who probably will be the Medical Center's last blacksmith has retired.

John Joseph Mahoney, the person responsible for the handmade hinges on various gates and much other functional and ornamental iron work around the Center, began here on Dec. 31, 1929.

Mr. Mahoney was honored by his fellow employees of the Maintenance Department April 15, when they presented him with a miniature bronze anvil on a mahogany base.

A avid fisherman, he plans to spend as much time as possible angling for trout in streams near the cottage he built himself at the foot of the Catskills.

Later this summer he intends to return to his native Ireland for a visit with his two sisters in Queenstown (Cobh). He came to this country in 1923 and worked at the old Waldorf-Astoria Hotel before going to the Medical Center.

## Their Gift To Patients: Eight Years Of Music

For eight years now, the Hospital Music Service has been providing the Medical Center with programs of live music by outstanding instrumentalists, vocalists, and other performers.

Each Sunday afternoon, October through May, the H.M.S. arranges for a half-hour program to be broadcast live, usually from the Presbyterian Hospital studio on the 11th floor. Some broadcasts, such as organ recitals, have also originated from The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel.

The program is heard from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Sundays over Channel 1 of the hospital broadcasting system.

### RECITALS WELL RECEIVED

Among the many professional performers who have given Sunday recitals here are Alfred Lichtenstein, generally acclaimed as the world's greatest flutist; Norma Auth, violinist; Frank Hausman, pianist, and Billie Lynn Daniel, soprano.

Recital broadcasts have been "received very well" by patients, according to Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr. "Many persons who have been patients for extended periods look forward to the programs."

Hospital Music Service has also provided soloists each Sunday morning for Protestant services in the Chapel. The H.M.S. is a division of the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

More than 150 professionals are registered as volunteers with the Service, which provides musical pro-

grams for 30 hospitals, nursing and convalescent homes, and other institutions.

### This Year It's Nurses In Action

In a break from conventional procedure, members of the graduating class of nursing students will be pictured in action, rather than in studio poses, in the 1963 yearbook, "Starch and Stripes," which is available the first week in June.

Seniors Kathi Fritz and Penny Post, co-editors, said the yearbook portrait of each girl is one which "shows her at her work or in some other aspect of her nursing life." The action pictures, they indicated, reflect the feelings of each student "at the moment of her involvement in a situation."

They explained that the yearbook "attempts to portray the profession, and the human qualities of those who profess to be nurses." It was meant to present not only a portrait of the senior class, but also "a portrait of the dynamics of nursing."

### THEY ASSISTED

The co-editors were assisted by a staff of eight other senior students: Deborah Dingwall, Sandra Lade, Elizabeth Connor, Stella Brewster, Enid McGrath, Loretta Pelle, Kristin van Derveer, and Margaret Wilkman.

Professional assistance was given by Marc Harrison, assistant professor in the Department of Industrial Design at Rhode Island School of Design, and photographer Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox, who is responsible for many pictures which appear in *Stethoscope* each month.

Printed by a firm which specializes in the production of artistic and scholarly publications, the 1963 yearbook features photo reproduction that is outstanding in clarity, depth, and natural interplay of light and shadow.

Copies of the yearbook have been limited to 200, each hand-numbered. The book was financed by money which the students raised themselves in the Sample Shop, a store in Maxwell Hall which sells stationery, candy and other items to student nurses.

### Centrex Is Working Well; But You Can Help Improve It

Three-quarters of the 14,000 calls coming into the Medical Center daily on the new Centrex telephone system are by-passing operators and going directly to the desired extension.

This report comes from the hospital's telephone committee in a summary of the progress of Centrex, which was introduced here on March 31.

The committee indicated it considers a 75 per cent direct-dialing average to be satisfactory at this point, but suggested that the percentage could be notably improved if personnel will follow three simple suggestions.

1. Type your new Centrex number on all outgoing correspondence.
2. Tell all persons calling you for the first time that you may be dialed directly.
3. Continue to send out Centrex postal cards. They are available on requisition from the stationery store-room in the Service Building.



## 126 Nurses To Graduate On June 5th

One hundred and twenty six student nurses will be graduated during exercises at 4 p.m. June 5 in the garden of Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. George A. Perera, associate dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University, is principal speaker. Frederick A. O. Schwarz, vice president of the hospital's Board of Trustees, will preside.

Hospital certificates and pins will be presented the graduates by Mrs. Frederic F. de Rham of the Board of Trustees and Miss Elizabeth S. Gill, associate dean of nursing.

Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the Faculty of Medicine, will present nursing diplomas from Columbia University. The degrees will be conferred during commencement ceremonies at 3 p.m. June 4.

The graduating class will be dinner guests of the Alumnae Association at 7:30 p.m. May 23 in the ballroom of Hotel Pierre.

The Baccalaureate Service for the class is set for 4 p.m. June 2 in St. Paul's Chapel.

## Nurse Scholarship Benefit Proceeds Over \$9,000 Mark

More than \$9,200 for nursing education was realized from the fifth annual raffle and card party for the benefit of the Student Nurse Scholarship Fund.

Held April 24 in Maxwell Hall, the party attracted almost 1,000 persons and is regarded as the most successful ever.

The record proceeds were especially appreciated because of increases in nursing school tuition that are scheduled for this fall. Each year money from the raffle and card party helps finance the education of some 20 of our student nurses.

**Additional contributions are still being sought. Checks payable to the Student Nurse Scholarship Fund, Columbia University, may be mailed to Mrs. Hiram P. Salter, 3 The By-way, Bronxville, N. Y.**

During the drawing of raffle tickets the top prize, a Caribbean trip for two, went to Mr. M. E. Franks of Pelham Manor, N. Y. Miss Judy Weeks of Old Greenwich, Conn., won the cerulean mink stole.

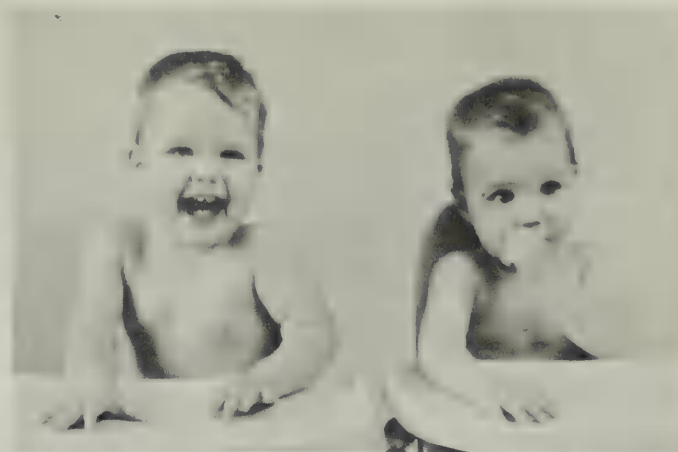
### OTHER WINNERS

Other prizewinners: Mrs. Robert Rockwell, Saratoga

Springs, a \$100 B. Altman gift certificate; Miss M. O'Keefe, N.Y.C., an AM-FM radio; Dr. W. F. Keim, Montclair, N. J., a silver fox boa; Mrs. Rena Brown, Bogota, N. J., somali fur fabric jacket; Mrs. Edward B. Self, Dobbs Ferry, a crystal olive dish, and James Murray, Edgewater, N. J., transistor radio.

Also, Mrs. John Rearden, N.Y.C., and Mrs. F. R. Kappel of Bronxville, handmade afghans; Miss Harriet Tillman, Brooklyn, a Jantzen bathing suit; Mrs. Delphine Wolcott of Presbyterian Hospital, an electric toaster; Mrs. H. W. Widmaier, Glen Oaks, two tickets to Mr. President; Mrs. W. A. Silverman, Yonkers, a photo portrait; Victor Perez, Brooklyn, black lynx clutch collar, and N. Curtis, West Englewood, N. J., cashmere sweater.

For selling the most raffle tickets, student nurse Mary Anne Kowles was awarded a Lord & Taylor gift certificate. As runner-up, student nurse Elizabeth Salter won dinner for two at Tappan Hill Restaurant, Tarrytown.



The Safety Twins as they appeared in an early poster. The babies, third generation of their family to be patients at Sloane, are the grandchildren of Mrs. Fredrica R. Brooks in the Public Interest Department.

## TWINS TWINKLE IN BRIEF REPORT

The Brief Report—A message from the President of The Presbyterian Hospital—which reports on progress in the hospital's three-fold activities of patient care, research and teaching, has been mailed to 43,000 former patients and contributors encouraging their support.

The theme of the pamphlet is the progress made in the care of premature infants within the past three years. It tells the story of premature twin girls born here in 1960 and follows,

pictorially, their progress from incubator to their most recent visit for a check-up this year.

The twin girls, Kathleen and Patricia Rakos, who, like their mother were born at Sloane, are familiar faces around the hospital since they appeared in a series of safety posters used during 1961.

The pictures for the posters and for the Brief Report were done by Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox, whose work appears in many hospital publications.

## SQUIER CLINIC KIDS AT THE CIRCUS

UP...

ENTRANCED youngster watches aerobics perform.

CONCENTRATION is written on face of boy as he watches action in ring.

DOWN...

IMPATIENT TO GET STARTED, kids prepare to board special subway car for trip to Madison Square Garden.



AND BEHIND  
THE SCENES

DELIGHTED is little girl as she touches the bulbous nose of Coco, the clown.





# IT WAS A FINE ART SHOW



The Medical Center's 13th annual Arts, Photography and Crafts Exhibition didn't attract the largest number of entries, but the consensus is that the art works displayed

were outstanding. There were 159 works by the Medical Center's artistic ones on display, including some excellent oil paintings, water colors, drawings, sculpture,

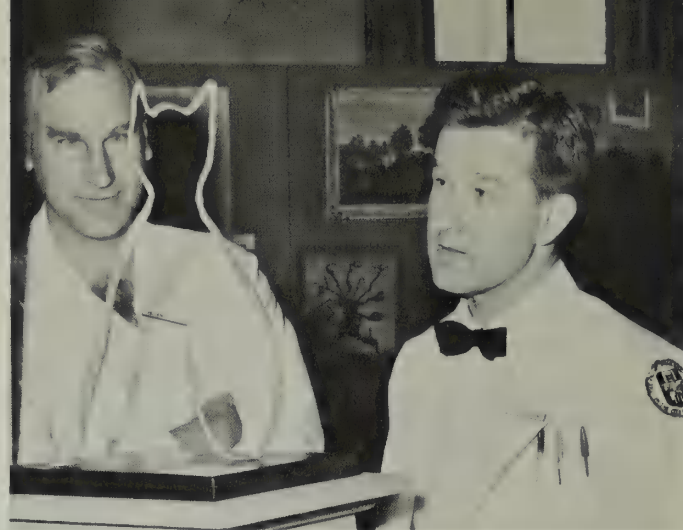
photographs, and examples of crewel work, metal and wood craft.

The entries hung from April 22 through May 3 in the Library Annex on the 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

## CHAPLAIN WAS CHAIRMAN

Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr. was exhibition chairman and Mrs. A. J. Binkert and Mrs. H. Houston Merritt were hostesses at the special preview tea.

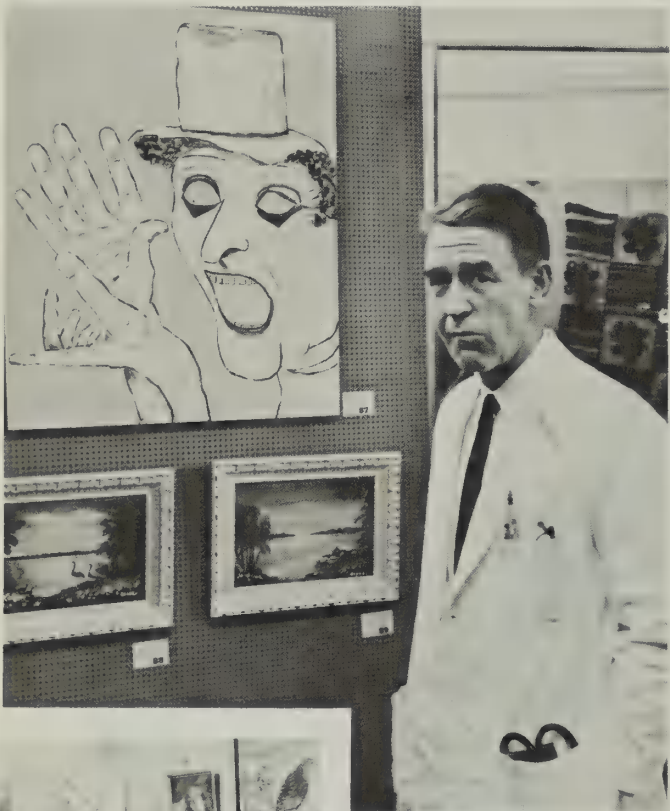
All in all, it was an interesting exhibition, featuring many notable examples of the various creative arts. And already our artists are at work on entries for next year's show.



THAT IS A CAT



Dr. Meyer Melicow pauses before his floral studies.



QUIZZICAL LOOK belongs to Dr. C. R. Wise.



Volunteer Harry Binn and his painting of rural winter.



ART-LOVING GROUP takes time out to discuss the many fine works that were on exhibit.

Dr. Jerome P. Webster, left, chats with Richard N. Kerst.



Mrs. A. J. Binkert pours tea for Wise.





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## Commencement Exercises at Medical Center

### 122 Receive M.D. Degrees at Columbia

On Tuesday, June 4 at 6 p.m. the College of Physicians and Surgeons awarded the diploma of Doctor of Medicine to 122 members of the Class of 1963 in the garden here.

Invocation and benediction were given by the Reverend Edwin M. Barton, B.D., director of student activities at P&S. Dean H. Houston Merritt gave a short address and awarded the prizes and Dr. George A. Perera greeted the class and awarded the diplomas.

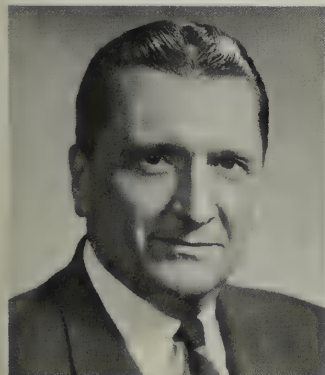
Awards were presented to five graduates: The Merck Manual 10th Edition to Drs. Mark E. Kahn, Robert H. Heissenbuttel and Lawrence Krakoff; Borden Undergraduate Research Award to Dr. Alan N. Schechter and Joseph Garrison Parker Award to Dr. George S. Mauerman.

### HANYS Urged to Inform Public of Hospital's Role

A. J. Binkert, Executive Vice President of Presbyterian Hospital, presided at the recent session of the House of Delegates of the Hospital Association of New York State during its annual meeting in Atlantic City.

Immediate past president of the association, Mr. Binkert was presented a bronze

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A. J. Binkert



Jeanne Steadman, president of Class of '63 sets tassel for Gretchen Keller, Student Government president.

### P.H. Nurses' Valor on WWI Battlefields Recalled as Class of '13 Holds Reunion

Memories of caring for wounded soldiers on the battlefields of France were revived as members of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing's Class of '13 returned to the Medical Center for the 50th anniversary of their graduation.

Attending the Alumnae Reunion Luncheon June 3 in Maxwell Hall were Mrs. Fordyce B. St. John of New York City, Mrs. Thomas R. Barclay of Sarasota, Fla., and Miss Nellie L. Winey of East Orange, N. J., all of whom served overseas during World War I, and Mrs. William S. Owen of Locust Valley, L. I., and Mrs. William B. Ewing of Princeton, N. J.

The Class of '13 had a notable war record, with 20 of its 34 members in military service. In fact, most of these were with the famed Presbyterian Hospital Unit—Red Cross Base Hospital Number 2, stationed at Etretat, France.

#### UNIT SAILS IN SPRING

The Presbyterian Unit, consisting originally of 25 medical and surgical officers and 65 nurses, sailed for England May 14, 1917, less than six weeks

after the United States entered the war against the Axis forces. Aboard the ship were 10 nurses of the Class of '13. Three more class members followed shortly.

By early June the Presbyterian Unit was in the base hospital at Etretat, in peacetime a popular summer shore resort. The hospital, which had an emergency capacity of 1,700 beds, was taken over from a British unit.

The Presbyterian Unit also made itself responsible for an orphanage in Etretat. One nurse of the Class of '13 was permanently assigned to care for the orphans, the late Mrs. Herbert (Elise Hillyer) Vermilye.

Life for the nurses overseas was not easy. They were plagued by mice and rats, limited food supplies, chilblains, and shortages of fuel, which forced them to go to bed to keep warm. Their hospital was bombed by German planes.

#### A BATTLE-TRIED GROUP

But the greatest hardships and dangers were endured by the nurses of U. S. Army Mobile Hospital Number 2,

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### 126 Nurses Graduated In 1963 Class

The starched uniforms of 126 senior nursing students glistened in the afternoon sunlight as they marched to their places of honor during graduation ceremonies in the Medical Center garden June 5th.

After the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" and "The Star Spangled Banner" ebbed, Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr. delivered the invocation. Frederick A. O. Schwarz, Vice-President of the Presbyterian Hospital Board of Trustees, who presided at the graduation ceremonies, paid tribute to the members of the graduating class upon the successful completion of their undergraduate studies. Mr. Schwarz expressed gratification that 72 of the members of the graduating class will begin their nursing careers at Presbyterian Hospital.

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### Dr. B. F. Hoffman Named to Posts In Pharmacology

Dr. Brian F. Hoffman has been appointed pharmacologist at Presbyterian Hospital and professor and chairman of the Department of Pharmacology at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

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Dr. Brian F. Hoffman



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## STETHOSCOPIA

The "Cupid's target" in Public Interest is Sidney E. DeBoer, assistant director, who was married June 8 in Worcester, Mass., to the former Carolyn Fox MacLauchlan. The couple will make their home in Palisades Park, N. J.

Thomas Forbes Gregg, fourth year student at P&S, married Miss Virginia Coley of Lawrenceville, N. J. on May 30.

Nan Krueger, Babies Hospital Social Service, and Mr. Donald Tutson were wed in Brooklyn on May 18.

Theresa McHugh, Record Room, will marry Mr. Jerry Lambiase early in July.

Miss Betty Cohan, secretary to Dr. Carl R. Feind, is engaged to Harry A. Glus. The couple plans to be married this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Denson recently welcomed a son, Christopher, Jr. Mother was formerly secretary to Dr. Humphreys.

Mrs. Lillian Thames, formerly with the Volunteer Department, is returning there as afternoon secretary.

Welcome back to vacationers from Accounting, Mary Smith, Helen Hannon, Frances Mooney and her mother Mrs. M. Mooney, who holidayed in Florida. Also to Dick Ott, assistant treasurer, who, with his wife and baby daughter, spent a week in North Carolina.

Anne Bugler, Record Room, has returned from a stay in Puerto Rico.

Nora Sullivan, Record Room, had a surprise visit from her fiancé Gary Nicholson, who had unexpected leave from the Navy.

New employees we welcome include: Margaret Giddings, Statistical Unit, Lillian Herron, Compensation and Liability Unit, J. T. Joule, Receiving, John Daly, Night Force, Peggy Hogan and Helen Martin, Data Processing Unit, Gretchen Walter, Medical and Surgical Insurance Unit.

And in the Blood Bank: Mrs. Charlotte Gold, R.N., replacing Patricia Hogan who has returned to her home in Los Angeles; William Haggerty, technician, who is replacing Kirsten Bak; Mrs. June Rutkowsky, Clerk-typist.

Mrs. Erika Awer has been appointed chief technician and Mrs. Mary Keely, head nurse-technician in Blood Bank. Mrs. Ruth Bogan is supervisor, replacing Mrs. Mary Sargent Clark, who retired last month. Marlene Price, technician, is on a month-long tour of Europe.

Congratulations to Mrs. Frances Murion, Nursing Department, on the ordination of her second son to the priesthood, and to Mrs. James Paul Dempsey, 5th floor clerk in Sloane, on her 46th wedding anniversary.

Condolences to Mrs. Betty DePace, Insurance Department, on the death of her father, and to Mrs. M. Blake, Floor Clerk, PH-12, on the death of her husband.

Elizabeth R. Prichard, Director of Social Service, attended the National Conference on Social Welfare in Cleveland last month.

A farewell tea for the ten students from the Columbia School of Social Work who completed their field work training here, was given by the Social Service Department on May 27.

Fifteen volunteers were capped as P.N.'s at the Grace Dodge Vocational School, Bronx, on June 7. Mrs. Marguerite Stein, Director of Volunteers, attended the ceremony.

Betty Barford, daughter of Mrs. Jess Allen Barford, Volunteer, and formerly staff nurse on Harkness 9 and 10, exhibited one of her photographs at the Metropolitan Museum of Art exhibition entitled "Photography in the Fine Arts." The show will run until this fall.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

The following Medical Center physicians will take part in the program at the 112th Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association in Atlantic City, June 16-20:

Dr. Frank E. Stinchfield, Director of Orthopedic Surgery, will be moderator for a Panel Discussion on the Painful Back.

Dr. Emanuel M. Papper, Director of Anesthesiology, with Dr. Ronald L. Katz, Assistant Attending Anesthesiologist, and Dr. Herbert D. Weintraub, Assistant Resident in Anesthesiology, will present "Anesthesia and Surgery on Patients Receiving Rauwolfia Therapy."

Dr. Alvan L. Barach, Consultant in Medicine, will participate in a discussion on Pulmonary Emphysema—Prevention and Care.

Dr. Dickinson W. Richards, Consultant in Medicine, will deliver the Billings Lecture: "Objectives of a Medical Education in this Decade."

Dr. Robert A. Fishman, Associate Attending Neurologist, will present "Neurological Manifestations of Magnesium Deficiency."

Dr. Charles J. Campbell, Assistant Attending Ophthalmologist, with Dr. Kimiharu S. Novori and Miss M. Catherine Rittler, will present "Ocular Thermal Effects Produced by Photocoagulation."

Dr. Arthur G. DeVoe, Director of Ophthalmology, will open the discussion on "Evaluation of 100 Eyes with Traumatic Hyphemia: Advantages of Conservatism and Efficacy of Intravenous Urea."

Dr. Richard C. Britton, Assistant Attending Surgeon, will take part in a panel discussion on Lymphedema. He will present "Lymphedema of the Extremities Following Surgery."

Dr. John K. Lattimer, Director of Urology, with Dr. Donald Gleason, Assistant Resident, and Dr. John W. Apperson, Jr., Resident, will present "Physiological Tests Used by the Urologist to Detect Impaired Function of the Urinary Tract."

Dr. Lawrence C. Kolb, Director of the Service of Psychiatry, attended the joint meeting of the Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology and the American Psychiatric Association recently.

He will be a guest lecturer this month in Australia under the auspices of the Australian Postgraduate Federation in Medicine and will also lecture at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.

Dr. J. Lawrence Pool, Director of Neurological Surgery, served as Chairman of the Program Committee for the 1963 Harvey Cushing Society meeting recently held in Philadelphia. Dr. Pool also presided as Visiting Professor at the State University of New York in Syracuse for two days in May.

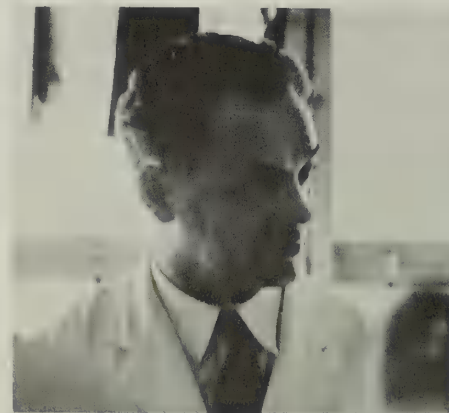


Dr. Thomas V. Santulli, Attending Surgeon and Chief of the Pediatric Surgical Service, was Visiting Professor at the New Britain General Hospital in Connecticut. May 24 and 25, where he conducted rounds and two conferences. He presented papers on "Meconium Ileus" and "Intestinal Obstruction in the Newborn Infant" to the staff.

Dr. L. Stanley James, Assistant Attending Pediatrician, delivered the annual Adam M. Miller Memorial Lecture at the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center on May 27. His topic was "Physiological Adjustments at Birth in Man."

Dr. Raffaele Lattes, Attending Surgical Pathologist, was Guest Speaker at the 96th Annual Session of the Texas Medical Association in Dallas. He conducted a refresher course and participated in a panel discussion during a joint session of sections on Surgery, Radiology, Internal Medicine and Pathology.

The Radiology Association of Puerto Rico recently sponsored a lecture course on bone diseases given by Dr. Meyer Alpert, Assistant Professor at P&S and Assistant Attending Radiologist at P.H.



Dr. Henry Colcher

Dr. Henry Colcher, assistant attending physician, Vanderbilt Clinic, and assistant clinical professor of medicine, P&S, is the recipient of the Rudolf Schindler Award for 1963 given at the twenty-second annual meeting of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy in San Francisco on May 29th.



## Hospital Personnel Help Save Yugoslavian Girl

A Yugoslavian magazine has credited the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center with a valuable assist in saving the life of a teen-age girl who was suffering from a grave brain condition.

The girl, pretty, dark-eyed Marieta Jabor, 19, had been given 10 days to live — unless she could undergo a neuro-logical operation for hydrocephalus.

Before the successful surgery was performed, American relatives of the girl, Medical Center personnel, and airline pilots all became involved in a tense race against time.

The tension was heightened because of a problem facing the Yugoslav neurosurgeons: nowhere could they obtain a Pudenz-Heyer valve, a tiny pump inserted surgically into the skull to drain off excessive fluid from the brain.

Without the valve there was no hope for Marieta.

### PLEA GOES OUT

Marieta's doctors appealed to her cousin in America, Mrs. Victoria Simunovich of Englewood Cliffs, N. J. According to the magazine: "While the fateful hours were ticking away, American relatives and friends of Marieta were making the rounds of surgical supply houses, clinics, drug stores and doctors' offices, searching for what seemed to be 'the impossible' to find."

## In Memoriam

Dr. John N. Potanos, 35, assistant attending neurological surgeon and an associate in the department of neurological surgery died June 5.

Dr. Potanos received his B.A. in 1947 from Duke University and his M.D. in 1951 from Temple University School of Medicine. He was awarded a Doctor of Medical Science Degree in Biochemistry in 1959 from Columbia University.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Christine Potanos, three children, Thea Ellen, Kyriaki and John, and his mother, Mrs. Kiki Potanos. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in memory of Dr. Potanos to the Columbia University Brain Research Laboratory.

Funeral services were held at the Walter Cody funeral home at St. Spyridon's Church followed by burial in St. Spyridon's Cemetery.

### DR. ALLEN O. WHIPPLE

A memorial service for Dr. Allen O. Whipple, famed Presbyterian Hospital surgeon, was held June 10 in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel.

Finally a helpful druggist recommended that they try the Medical Center, where Mrs. Simunovich and her husband arrived Saturday, March 16. Only three days remained of the 10 Marieta had been given to live.

Through the assistance of James D. Jolley, on duty at the Presbyterian Hospital information desk, Miss Mary Miskimon, assistant supervisor in the Neurological Institute operating room, and C. Douglas Auty, administrative officer on duty that day, the life-saving valve was obtained.

At Mr. Jolley's suggestion, Mrs. Simunovich rushed the valve to Idlewild International Airport, where it was given to a sympathetic pilot, who flew it by jet to Zurich, Switzerland.

From there the precious package was relayed by another pilot and another plane to Marieta's waiting physicians in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. Within 24 hours after the Simunoviches received the valve at the Medical Center, the Yugoslav surgeons were inserting it into Marieta's skull.

Director of surgery at the hospital from 1921 to 1946, Dr. Whipple was especially noted for his development of the "Whipple operation" for cancer of the pancreas.

He died at the age of 82 on April 16 at his home in Princeton, N. J. (His complete obituary appeared in last month's *Stethoscope*.)

### MRS. FRANCES McNAMARA

Mrs. Frances McNamara, who had been associated with the Medical Center since its opening in 1928, died May 14 in Harkness Pavilion. She was 66.

A solemn high mass for Mrs. McNamara was held May 18 in St. Rose of Lima Church. Burial was in Valhalla, N. Y.

### EVA GERBER

Eva Gerber, head nurse on the 4th Floor DPPO, died suddenly on June 8th in Neurological Institute. Services and interment were in Syracuse, N. Y. on June 11.

## NINE MEDICAL CENTER DOCTORS RETIRE JULY 1

Nine Medical Center doctors, including the chairman of the Department of Pharmacology will retire on July 1. They are:

Dr. Robert W. Culbert, associate in pediatrics and assistant attending pediatrician;

Dr. D. Anthony D'Esopo, professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology and attending obstetrician and gynecologist;

Dr. Zacharias Dische, professor of biochemistry assigned to ophthalmology;

Dr. Franz J. Kallmann, professor of psychiatry (genetics) and chief of psychiatric research (medical genetics) at the New York State Psychiatric Institute;

Dr. Samuel W. Lambert, Jr., associate clinical professor of medicine and associate attending physician;

Dr. F. Philip Lowenfish, assistant clinical professor of dermatology and attending dermatologist in Vanderbilt Clinic;

Dr. Stanford Pulrang, instructor in urology and assistant urologist, Vanderbilt Clinic;

Dr. John E. Scarff, professor of clinical neurolog-

ical surgery and attending neurological surgeon;

Dr. Harry B. van Dyke, Hosack professor of pharmacology, chairman of the Department of Pharmacology, and pharmacologist of Presbyterian Hospital.



DR. HARRY B. VAN DYKE

Dr. Harry B. van Dyke, David Hosack Professor of Pharmacology and Chairman of the Department, will spend the coming academic year as Visiting Professor of Pharmacology in the National Defense Medical Center in Taipei, Formosa; he will also be associated with the College of Medicine of the National Taiwan University.

Dr. van Dyke received a Ph.D. degree in pharmacology and physiology in 1921 from the University of Chicago and an M.D. degree in 1923 from Rush Medical College. After interning at Cook County Hospital, he was a National Research Council Fellow at the Universities of Edinburgh, Brussels and Freiburg.

Later he was on the faculty of the University of Chicago as Professor of Pharmacology. In 1932, he accepted the position of Head of the Department of Pharmacology in the Peiping Union Medical College which had been established and was supported by grants from the Rockefeller Foundation to the China Medical Board of New York. He left Peiping in 1938 to become Head of the Division of Pharmacology of the Squibb Institute for Medical Research. In 1944, he moved to New York to assume his present position in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He has been the pharmacologist of the Presbyterian Hospitals since 1957. This year he is President of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.



DR. D. ANTHONY D'ESOPO

Dr. D. Anthony D'Esopo has spent 38 years at the Sloane Hospital. He came as an interne in 1925 after receiving his medical degree from Yale School of Medicine in 1924 and interning for a year at St. Frances Hospital, Hartford, Conn.

His residency here was from 1926 until 1929 when he was appointed Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist at Sloane. Since 1948 he has been Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist and Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology at Physicians and Surgeons. He has been editor of the Bulletin of the Sloane Hospital for Women since 1955.

Dr. D'Esopo's memberships include Alpha Kappa Kappa, American Medical Association, New York County Medical Society, New York Obstetrical Society and the American Gynecological Society.

He will continue at the Medical Center as a Consultant.

### DR. SAMUEL W. LAMBERT, JR.

Dr. Samuel W. Lambert, Jr., Associate Attending Physician and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at P&S, has been on leave of absence since 1954.

A graduate of Yale College in 1919, he received the M.D. in 1923 from College of Physicians and Surgeons. His internship was served at Presbyterian from 1923-25 and his residency with the First Medical Division at Bellevue, 1925-26.

Dr. Lambert is a member of the American Medical Association, Academy of Medicine, New York Medical and Surgical Society, New York Clinical Society, American College of Physicians and the American Heart Association.

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## Small World As They Say In Kashmir

Stranded in the Kashmir when heavy rains and landslides closed the pass through the Himalayas, Dr. Lester Mark met Dr. Anna Southam.

Sounds like the beginning of an adventure novel, but in this case it's not. It's just another proof that you never know where or under what circumstances Medical Center personnel may meet.

Dr. Mark, associate attending anesthesiologist, was resting in Kashmir after lecturing in his specialty at the All-India Institute in New Delhi.

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A graduate of Syracuse University Hospital, Miss Gerber came to the Presbyterian Hospital as a floor duty nurse in 1930. In 1941 she joined the Red Cross Blood Bank for the duration of World War II and returned here to the Doctors' Private Practice Offices in 1945.





# COLUMBIA MEDICAL GRADUATION



Frederick A. O. Schwarz brings greetings from the trustees.



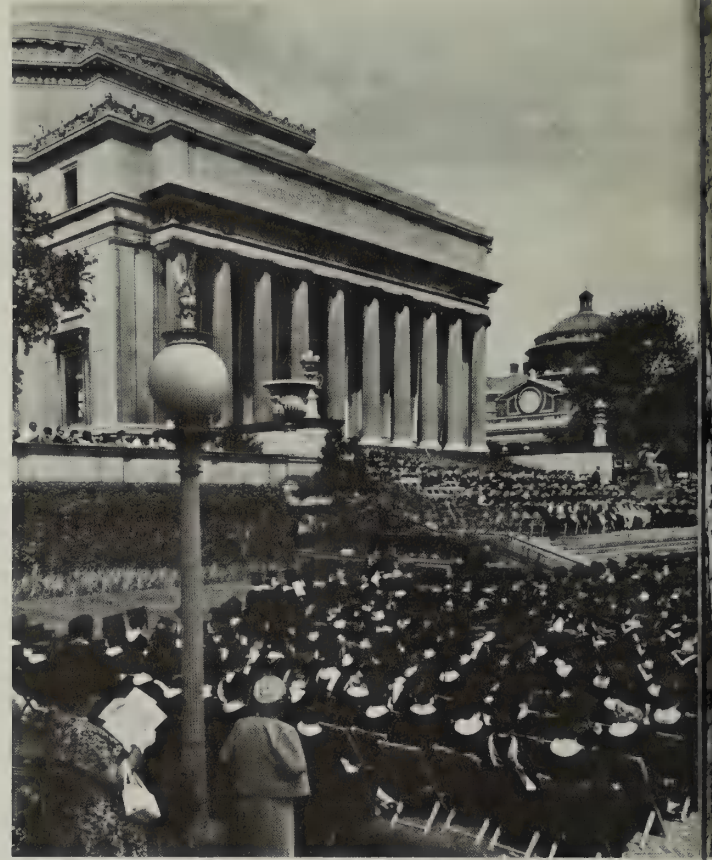
A graduate is felicitated by Miss Gill and Miss Lee.

A gala reception for graduates in the garden of Maxwell Hall.



Dr. George A. Perera spoke.

Certificates were presented by Mrs. Frederic F. deRham.



## DOCTORS, NURSES IN DUAL

Dr. George A. Perera, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, and principal speaker at the graduation, encouraged the graduates to:

"Choose your road wisely, move towards your goal without fear and without regard to those who hurry past you or try to make you take the wrong road.

"But more important than the destination, I suggest, is the way you pursue your course in life.

"For now, although you have concluded a long and arduous curriculum of professional training, you are

truly prepared young women, ready to start your journey as skilled persons with great capacities for wise leadership. The world is in sore need of such as you and will look to you for guidance.

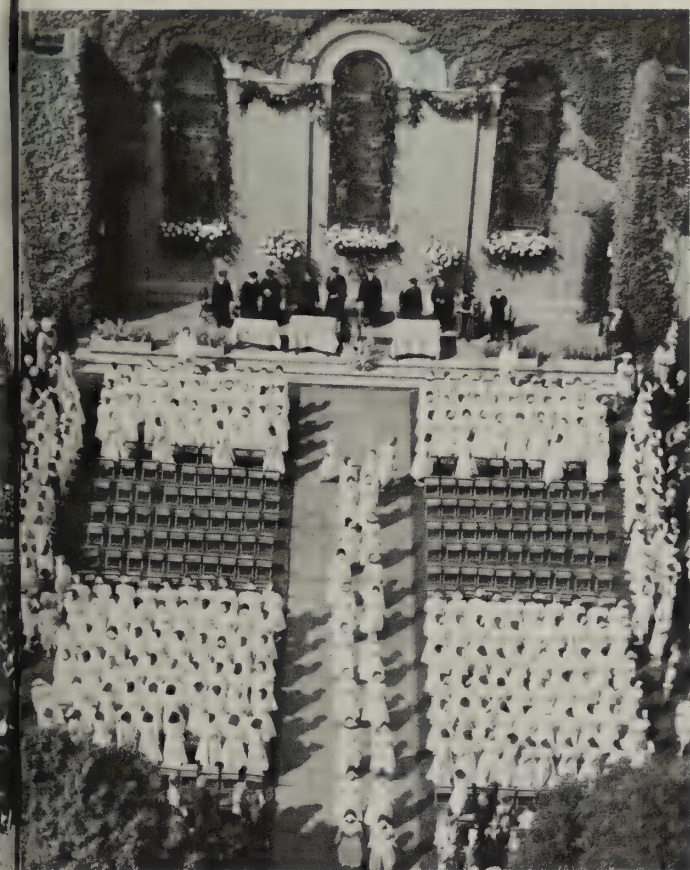
"My congratulations to each and every one of you. May fair weather lie ahead; may the wind be at your back. I hope most sincerely that you will have a safe, happy and meaningful journey.

"An unknown author who wrote in the Sanskrit language left these words as part of our legacy:





# PRESBYTERIAN CENTER CEREMONIES



An arch of diplomas for Miss Gill.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Look to this Day:  
In its brief course lie all  
the Verities  
And realities of your  
Existence,  
The Bliss of Growth  
The Glory of Action  
The Splendor of Beauty  
... Today well-lived  
makes every Yesterday  
a Dream of Happiness  
And every Tomorrow a  
Vision of Hope.  
Look well therefore to  
this Day.

Rabbi Marvin J. Goldfine,  
Jewish Chaplain at Presby-  
terian Hospital offered a  
prayer for the class, after  
which Dr. H. Houston Mer-

ritt, Dean of the Faculty  
of Medicine extended the  
greetings of the University  
to the class and presented  
diplomas to the graduates.

Mrs. Frederic F. deRham,  
a Trustee of the Hospital,  
assisted by Miss Elizabeth  
S. Gill, R.N., Director of  
Nursing and Associate Dean  
(Nursing), presented cer-  
tificates and pins to the  
members of the graduating  
class.

The benediction was of-  
fered by Rev. John K.  
Hawes, Roman Catholic  
Chaplain at Presbyterian  
Hospital.



Proud owners of hoods from other colleges.

Undergrads marched in  
procession.

P&S grads received diplomas in  
the garden.





## "Cultivate Public Understanding"

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plaque for his services to the association during the past year.

After reviewing the association's achievements during the year, Mr. Binkert urged increased efforts during the coming year toward cultivation of greater public understanding of voluntary hospitals.

"We must intensify our public relations efforts if we hope to cultivate greater public understanding of the fact that hospitals are costly to operate and consequently, voluntary hospitals have to contend with an annual deficit, maybe in dollars—maybe in services—all too often in both," he said.

### COST OF CARE

He pointed out that the public does not fully understand that scientific advances, coupled with the growth of health insurance, have made the total economic burden of illness—except perhaps in cases of catastrophic illness—less today than at the turn of the century.

"The public does not fully understand that while improved industrial methods produce more with the same number of employees who produced less with older production methods, the reverse is usually true in hospital care. Each scientific advance calls for additional specially trained personnel. The major scientific advances over the last several decades have cut in half the average length of stay for hospital patients. This means that twice as many patients are admitted each year; twice as many diagnoses made; twice as many laboratory tests; twice the

number of records processed and stored. This is an oversimplification, but points to one major factor behind the rising cost of hospital care—more, better trained, higher paid employees," Mr. Binkert said.

"As you all know too well," he continued, "there are many other important factors governing increasing costs. If we are to meet these costs and continue to provide excellence in patient care, research and medical education, we have a responsibility to communicate more effectively with the society we serve. This constitutes the first step in maintaining the voluntary hospital system and cultivating additional sources of financial support."

Mr. Binkert added that he did not wish to minimize the importance of constant pursuit of judicious economy in hospital operation.

### BRIDGE OF UNDERSTANDING

"Nor do I wish to emphasize communicating with the public on the matter of hospital costs to the exclusion of communicating how our voluntary hospitals serve their stewardship to society," he added. "We should seek to solidify the bridge of understanding between the public and one of its greatest social institutions—the voluntary hospital. The more effectively we communicate how we fulfill our responsibilities of providing through patient care, research and medical education the most advanced resources for prevention and alleviation of human suffering, the more profound will be the public understanding of its responsibilities towards its hospitals."

## Dr. Hoffman

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Dr. Hoffman, professor of physiology at the Downstate Medical Center of State University of New York, will succeed Dr. Harry B. Van Dyke, effective July 1.

(For further details on Dr. Van Dyke, see the article on retiring physicians in this issue.)

An authority on cardiac physiology, Dr. Hoffman received his bachelor's degree at Princeton University in 1943 and his M.D. degree from Long Island College of Medicine in 1947. He was

an intern and assistant resident in medicine at Lenox Hill Hospital, 1947-49.

### HONORED BY BRAZIL

He has been associated with the Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn since 1949. In 1957 he was Nathanson Lecturer at the School of Medicine, University of Southern California.

The same year he was a Guggenheim Foundation fellow at the Institute of Biophysics, University of Brazil. For his work there, the Brazilian government awarded him its "Orden Nacional do Cruzeiro do Sul."

He has been consultant

# NINE MEDICAL CENTER DOCTORS RETIRE JULY 1



DR. JOHN SCARFF

Dr. Scarff, who has made many notable contributions toward the treatment of hydrocephalus as well as to the surgical treatment of epilepsy, is a charter member of both the American Board of Neurological Surgery and the American Electroencephalographic Society.

A native of Bellefontaine, Ohio, he was graduated Magna Cum Laude from Princeton University in 1920 and received his M.D. in 1924 from Johns Hopkins Medical School.

After early surgical training at Johns Hopkins Hospital, he went to Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, in Feb. 1927.

Dr. Scarff trained under Drs. Walter Dandy and Harvey Cushing.

He was on the neurosurgical staffs of Bellevue Hospital (Cornell Division) and New York Post Graduate Hospital before coming to the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in 1937 as assistant professor of clinical neurosurgery at P&S and associate attending neurosurgeon at the Neurological Institute.

He has been attending neurosurgeon since 1946 and professor of clinical neurosurgery since 1948. He was acting director of neurosurgery at Neurological Institute from 1946 to 1948.

in physiology at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Brooklyn, since 1959. In 1961 he was named investigator for the Health Research Council of the City of New York.

### MEMBERSHIPS

President of the Cardiac Muscle Society and former president of the New York State Society for Medical Research, Dr. Hoffman is a charter member of the Biophysical Society. His other

He was a neurosurgeon with the U. S. Army Medical Corps from Feb. 1942 to Sept., 1945, conducted valuable studies of "High Altitude Frost Bite" for the Air Force, helped establish policy for the European Theater of Operations on all matters pertaining to neurosurgical practices, personnel and equipment, co-authored the sections on the brain, spinal cord and peripheral nerves for "Manual of Therapy—European Theater of Operations," and served in the field with the 9th Evacuation Hospital during the Battle of the Saar, the crossing of the Rhine, and the invasion of Central Germany. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his war service.

He has written more than 50 articles and contributed chapters to six textbooks and is author of a history of neurosurgery entitled "Fifty Years of Neurosurgery."

In 1959 he was co-chairman of the planning committee for the 50th Anniversary of the Neurological Institute.

He has two sons, John E., Jr., now serving a surgical internship at Northwestern's Passavant Hospital, and Timothy B., entering his third year at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Dr. Scarff has been named professor emeritus and consultant.

### DR. STANFORD PULRANG

Dr. Pulrang has been affiliated with the Medical Center since 1945. He received his M.D. in 1930 from the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University and did his hospital training at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal; Lying-In Hospital, New York City, and St. Johns Riverside

memberships include the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Heart Association (Council on Basic Sciences), the American Physiological Society, the New York Heart Association, and the Society for Artificial Organs.

He is a member of the editorial boards of *The American Journal of Physiology*, *The Journal of Applied Physiology*, and *Circulation Research*.

Hospital, Yonkers. During World War II he was an Army surgeon for 30 months and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a diplomate of the American Board of Urology, and a member of the American Urological Association.

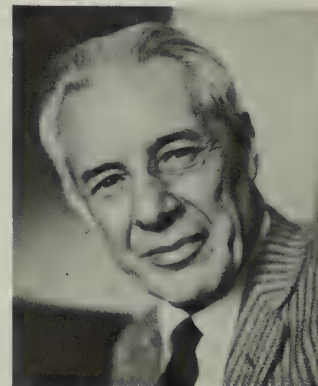


DR. F. PHILIP LOWENFISH

A native of New York City, Dr. Lowenfish has been on the staff of the Medical Center since it opened in 1928. He received a bachelor of science degree in 1922 from the University of West Virginia and an M.D. in 1924 from Syracuse University School of Medicine. He did his internship and residency at the old New York Hospital on Welfare Island before coming to the Medical Center.

In 1929 Dr. Lowenfish, in collaboration with Dr. A. Benson Cannon, published the first report in the U. S. on the treatment of varicose eczema and varicose ulceration by injection in the veins and the application of gelatin. He began in Vanderbilt Clinic shortly thereafter the nation's first clinic for the treatment of these cases.

He intends to remain at P&S as a special lecturer in the Department of Dermatology.



DR. ZACHARIAS DISCHE

Dr. Zacharias Dische came to the Department of Biochemistry at Physicians  
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## FROM THE MAILBAG

Just a personal note to you and your fine staff in appreciation for the many courtesies extended to my wife, my son, Stephen, and me during our recent visit to Babies Hospital.

For all of us coming from "down South" up to the "big city" hospital, it was a heartwarming experience in human relations. Everyone, from the policeman in the parking lot right on through our entire contacts, was most helpful and understanding. Frankly, we had no idea that such a large medical center could possibly retain such individualization of attention to patients and to relatives.

Although in Stevie's case we can hardly call the visit successful from a medical standpoint, we take great comfort in knowing that he has had the very best medical assistance obtainable in the world today.

### HEARD NO VAGUE MEDICAL "MUMBO-JUMBO"

Above and beyond the exceptional medical competence for which you and your associates are noted, we are most grateful to you and each of the other doctors there for the time you took with us as parents. There was no "rush in - rush out" procedure, but, instead, each doctor seemed to take plenty of time not only with Stevie but with us. The discussions never seemed to be vague medical "mumbo-jumbo" that was over our heads nor did we feel that we were being talked "down to." Each discussion seemed to be more of a conference between two groups trying to find a common language of understanding. We appreciate the great compliment of being treated as emotionally mature, intelligent adults.

We came up there for greatness in medical knowledge, and this we surely found, but we also found greatness in men. - from the father of a former Babies Hospital patient.

## Dr. Philip Smith Formerly at P&S Wins Dale Medal

Philip E. Smith, Ph. D., professor emeritus of anatomy at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, has become the first American to win

the Sir Henry Dale Medal, the highest honor in endocrinology.

Dr. Smith, who has been a research associate in anatomy at Stanford University School of Medicine since his retirement from P&S in 1956, received the honor for his pioneering work in pituitary gland research.

## Doctors Retire

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and Surgeons in 1943 after having done research work on therapy of experimental cancer at Mount Sinai Hospital for two years after his arrival in this country in 1941.

After receiving the M.D. degree from the University of Vienna in 1921, Dr. Dische did research work in biochemistry at the Institute of Physiology of the University of Vienna and was chief of that laboratory from 1931-38. He then did research at the Centre de la Transfusion Sanguine in Paris for two years and was in the Department of Biochemistry, University of Marseille for one year prior to coming to the United States.

Dr. Dische has served as Professor of Biochemistry (assigned to Ophthalmology) since July, 1957. He has published approximately 120 papers on various biochemical subjects.



DR. FRANZ J. KALLMANN

A native of Silesia (Germany) and the son of a physician, Dr. Kallmann received his medical degree from the University of Breslau in 1919. Following his training at the Psychiatric and Forensic Institutes of the Universities of Breslau and Berlin, the Max Planck Institute of Psychiatry in Munich and the Berlin Psychoanalytic Institute, he was the director of the neuropathological laboratories of the State Hospitals Ber-



TOP TOPPLERS & THEIR TROPHIES

Front row, members of the championship Pin Shakers, Bill Lee, left, Mrs. Eleanor Freyer, and Cornelius Alvarado. Standing, from left, Katherine Courchesne, Ann McElroy, Kay Rywalt, Marion McDonald, Maryann O'Connell, and Richard Salvatore.

## Pin Shakers Roll To Bowling Title

Richard Salvatore and Maryann O'Connell have received trophies as bowlers of the year as the Medical Center Bowling League concluded its season.

The Pin Shakers—William Lee, Cornelius Alvarado, Benny Wanamaker, and Mrs. Eleanor Freyer—shook and topped enough pins to beat out 15 other teams for the team trophy.

Salvatore also won a trophy for high average, 171. Other awards for high average went to Maurice Murray, 153, and D. Franklin, 150.

Other men's trophies went to Bill Egan for high series, 608; Pete Wilson for high single game, 236, and

Dave Paulovich, who added 14 points to his average to take the most improved bowler award.

### WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

Women's awards for high average went to Anita MacDonnell, 132, Kay Rywalt, 123, and Marion McDonald, 121. Miss Eleanor Freyer, daughter of the only woman on the champion Pin Shakers, took the trophy for a high series, 506 and earned a special award for bowling a single game of 205.

Ann McElroy was awarded the trophy for high single game and Katherine Courchesne won the most improved bowler trophy for adding 12 points to her average of last year.

Those extraordinary pin jolters, the Alley-Oops, who led the league during the initial months of the season, tired early and finished in 13th place. Still they managed to salvage one trophy, taking the team award for a high series of 2,292.

(Italy) and of the Eastern Psychiatric Research Association in New York.

Dr. Kallmann has served as president of the American Society of Human Genetics, and is present chairman of the Permanent Committee for International Congresses of Human Genetics, and president-elect of the American Psychopathological Association and the Eastern Psychiatric Research Association.

### DR. AURA E. SEVERINGHAUS

Dr. Aura E. Severinghaus, associate dean and secretary of the Faculty of Medicine and Professor of Anatomy at College of Phy-

## Kashmir Meeting

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A sudden downpour that was to last for three days put a halt to all air transportation through the 9,300-foot pass that connects Kashmir with the rest of India. Landslides also blocked the only land route through the pass.

Thus marooned, Dr. and Mrs. Mark had to extend their visit. And in the dining room of the Palace Hotel in Srinagar, capital of Kashmir, the Marks encountered Dr. Southam.

"I knew she was in India, but I had no idea where," Dr. Mark said. "I never expected to see her in Srinagar."

Dr. Southam is on a sabbatical from her duties at the Medical Center, where she is associate attending obstetrician and gynecologist.

In India she is guest professor of obstetrics and gynecology at All-India Institute and, under the sponsorship of the Ford Foundation, is helping to organize birth control clinics throughout the country.

sicians and Surgeons, will retire this month after having been on sabbatical leave since July 1, 1962.

Since January of this year Dr. Severinghaus has been making a study for the National Institutes of Health Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness. Prior to that date he served as a special consultant to the Ford Foundation.

The 1962 graduating class at P&S set up the Severinghaus Scholarship Fund at the College with an initial gift of \$1,000. At the 1963 Annual Alumni Dinner in April a collection of two bound volumes of letters of tribute was presented to Dr. Severinghaus.





**AUXILIARY'S GIFT TO LIBRARY HONORS LATE MRS. BRODIE**

The Women's Auxiliary of the Neurological Institute has presented a 10-drawer card catalogue to the Milbank Library in memory of Mrs. Bruce Brodie, who died Jan. 18, a day after her election to the Auxiliary's presidency. Librarian Barbara Martin admires the unit, which will hold index cards for several thousand books.

## Dr. Harold Speert Authors Sloane Hospital History

Tracing the development of obstetrics from the early Colonial days to now, The Sloane Hospital Chronicle, by Dr. Harold Speert, a newly published history of the development of Obstetrics and Gynecology, excerpts some amazing passages from local ordinances governing midwifery practice in early New York.

Practiced by a poorly regulated group of self-designated experts, the legislature found it necessary to stipulate of the midwife "that she will not suffer any woman to pretend to be delivered of a child who is not indeed, neither to claim any other woman's child for her own."

After the Revolution the newly reopened Columbia (formerly King's College) included among its medical faculty of five un-salaried professors, a professor of Midwifery, but this chair was soon abandoned and the subject was not taught again as a separate discipline until 1808 when the College of Physicians and Surgeons appointed its first professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The nineteenth century brought much advancement in the knowledge and practice of this specialty but an excerpt from a student's lecture notes describing a case history says, "the woman fearing that she was going to be operated upon, took refuge in flight and though pursued vigorously, could not be brought back again."

The author, assistant attending obstetrician at The Sloane Hospital for Women, has done a complete annotation of the important part played by institutions as well as men dedicated to the clinical care of patients.

Coming, as it does, on the seventy-fifth anniversary of The Sloane Hospital, this documentation of the education and training of students and physicians, and the many research activities on which progress in obstetrics and gynecology is based, is a most appropriate tribute to a great institution.

## Nurses Put Black Hose Into Orbit

Early risers in the Medical Center neighborhood saw a startling sight May 27—balloons, dozens of them, soaring through the early morning air with black stockings in tow.

The balloons were launched by celebrating members of the nursing class of '64, who became seniors that day. As seniors, they switched to wearing white stockings for the first time, which explains their sending the black ones flying.

The balloons, of course, were white and blue, the colors of the student nurse uniform.

## Milbank Book Sale Receives Record Income

Milbank Library's spring book sale realized proceeds of slightly over \$900, it was reported by Librarian Barbara Martin.

The money—more than three times the amount normally earned in a spring sale—came from over 2,000 books sold to Medical Center personnel.

Miss Martin said the money will be used to purchase new books and magazine subscriptions.

## Mr. Hansen, Miss McKenna Honored By Co-Workers

Two long-time members of the hospital's Accounting Department have been honored by their associates at a retirement dinner in the Trocadero Restaurant.

One hundred and fifteen persons were present to pay their respects to George W. Hansen, food cost accountant, and Miss Margaret McKenna, billing clerk.

Mr. Hansen, whose 35 years of service here began just after the Medical Center opened in 1928, was given a camera by his friends. He will put it to

good use during a planned trip through the Mid and Far West.

A wristwatch was presented to Miss McKenna, who has been with the Medical Center for 13 years. She is planning a trip to her native Ireland.

John Adams was master of ceremonies. Mrs. Anita DeLuca of the Accounting Department sang two selections: "Mr. Wonderful," for Mr. Hansen, and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," for Miss McKenna.

## Class of '13

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formed in June 1918, almost entirely from personnel of the Presbyterian Unit.

This mobile unit moved in 50 trucks from place to place on the front, wherever the fighting was fiercest, casualties the heaviest. They could set up their hospital anywhere, including in trenches.

Mrs. St. John, the former Jane I. Rignel, was chief nurse of this battle-tested unit. The man who was to become her husband, Dr. Fordyce B. St. John, was commanding officer. Mrs. Barclay, the former Phoebe Taylor, was also with the unit, as were the late Georgia A. Morrison and Mrs. William (Violetta Mercer) Marbury of the Class of '13.

Often ministering to the wounded under shellfire, the mobile unit saw action at Bussy-le-Chateau, Vetry, Chateau-Thierry, and the Argonne.

### THEY MADE PERSHING PROUD

After observing their coolness under fire at Bussy-le-Chateau, an officer wrote of the nurses: they "showed remarkable heroism during the bombardment of Bussy. They were advised at the beginning of the bombardment to take cover, but refused to leave the patients."

The bravery of members of the unit came to the attention of General Pershing, who ordered this commendation sent to Dr. St. John:

"The Commander-in-Chief was proud to learn . . . of the fine courage shown by you and your personnel under shellfire, when stationed with the 42nd Division at Bussy, France. He congratulates Mobile Hospital No. 2—and requests you to inform its members that he is proud to have them in his command."

### DECORATIONS FOR HEROISM

Their fortitude and gentle care of the wounded Allied soldiers earned many decorations for nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital Unit.

Three members of the Class of '13 were decorated by foreign governments. Both Mrs. Barclay and Mrs. St. John received the French Croix de Guerre. Mrs. St. John also had bestowed upon her by King George V the British Royal Red Cross, Second Class, as did another classmate of hers, the late Anna M. Balen.

Before the nurses of the Presbyterian Unit returned home in January 1919 on a badly overcrowded fruit boat, they had cloaked themselves with distinction. And all agreed the Class of '13 was justly entitled to a large share of the glory.



Mrs. Eleanor Posey Ewing, Mrs. Coulson Adey, Mrs. Fordyce B. St. John, Miss Nellie Winey, Mrs. Phoebe Taylor Barclay and Mrs. Eleanor Smith Owen at the reunion of the nursing class of 1913.





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## Medical Center Exhibit

This special issue of STETHOSCOPE is published as an adjunct to material on display at the current Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center exhibit in the lobby of the Pepsi-Cola Company world headquarters in New York.

This exhibit has been designed to help give the public a glimpse of some of the vital activities of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, one of the world's foremost institutions dedicated to the alleviation and prevention of human suffering.

Since it opened in 1928 as the world's first medical center, Columbia-Presbyterian has remained in the forefront in maintaining excellence in patient care, research and medical education. Some of the recent scientific advances at this noted institution are described in the stories of this issue of STETHOSCOPE.

Continued progress in Columbia-Presbyterian's service to mankind is insured by the current \$50,000,000 development program to provide for necessary expansion as well as endowment for increased staff in important research areas.

To date, \$30,000,000 has been raised in this development program under the chairmanship of General Lucius D. Clay.



GENERAL LUCIUS D. CLAY  
Development Fund Campaign Chairman

## NEW LIFE FOR RUTH NEWTON



### Many Offered Helping Hand To Indian Girl

Last Christmas Ruth Newton's most cherished gift was a new pair of shoes. Surgeons at Presbyterian Hospital have straightened out her badly gnarled right foot so that it is no longer necessary for her to cover it with a nondescript woolen slipper.

Ruth Newton is a bright, appealing five-year-old, whom fate singled out from among the millions of children throughout the world who are forgotten in misery.

She has gone from a desolate railroad embankment in Ferozepore, India to the beautiful south central plains city of Billings, Montana near Yellowstone National Park.

But this change is not nearly as dramatic as the contrast in the way of life to which she had been destined as an abandoned, crippled orphan, and the future that awaits her as a healthy, loved

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RUTH NEWTON beams from her bed in Babies Hospital at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, where she underwent six operations to correct her deformed foot and become able to walk normally.

(Photo courtesy of The Saturday Evening Post.)

## INCUBATOR-RESPIRATOR HELPS TOMMY SURVIVE

Thomas Psomas (pronounced "SOMuss"), at two months, weighed little more than most babies do at birth. But then, he had to fight harder to reach this age, and couldn't have succeeded without the help of a new incubator-respirator, the only one of its kind in existence, developed at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Tommy was one of premature twin boys born to Mrs. William Psomas at the Medical Center on October 6th. Weighing slightly more than three pounds, he was in acute respiratory distress. Survival depended on the efficiency of the equipment in the new respiratory care unit in the hospital's premature nursery and the skill and judgment of the doctors, nurses and technicians trying to save his life.

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MICHAEL PSOMAS, 5, is quite impressed upon meeting his baby brother Thomas, whose life was saved thanks to the resources and skills available at Babies Hospital.



## RUTH NEWTON

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American girl. This transformation was wrought by a mission hospital in Ferozepore, a minister and his congregation from the Presbyterian Church in Tenaflly, New Jersey, and two of the surgeons and other staff members at Presbyterian Hospital.

"Al met Ruth two years ago in the Frances Newton Mission Hospital in Ferozepore," Mrs. Alfred H. Davies explained.

Reverend Davies, recently transferred from his pastorate in Tenaflly to one in Billings, Montana, was captivated by the little orphan during his visit to India.

"Dr. Dorothy Ferris, one of the missionary doctors who helped save Ruthie's life, described to me how she had been found lying half-dead near a railroad track, her right foot badly mangled, when she was only three days old," Mr. Davies recalled.

"They assumed that the foot injury was caused by an attack by a wild dog. They succeeded in saving her life and patching her foot, but the injury left her crippled. The foot was twisted all the way around to the side and deformed so that she walked with a considerable limp," he continued.

Dr. Ferris told Mr. Davies that skillful orthopedic and plastic surgery could save Ruth from a life as a cripple. This thought preyed on his mind almost constantly after he returned home.

"We learned," Mrs. Davies said, "that one of the members of our congregation in Tenaflly and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Englewood were both on the staff at Presbyterian Hospital and were willing to undertake the surgery without charge if we could find some way to get Ruth to America."

Ruth's story aroused the Good Samaritan instinct among the members of the Tenaflly Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Davies' appeal for help met with immediate success. A new life for Ruth was insured through their generosity.

In June of 1961, Ruth was admitted to Babies Hospital at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center for the first of five admissions. The last was in January of this year. Six operations and the loving care she received from the hospital staff and her guardians, Rev. and Mrs. Davies, have enabled her not only to walk without a limp, but to run as well as her playmates.

When she is older, the doctors explained, Ruth will undergo further cosmetic surgery on her foot. For the present, they have eliminated an unstable scar which encircled the foot and tended to break down periodically. This has been replaced with a graft of healthy tissue from her other leg. They have also succeeded in performing the tedious surgical process of straightening out the deformed bones in Ruth's foot.



**TAKING STEPS TO CORRECT DEFORMED FOOT**

During her five admissions to Babies Hospital, Ruth became a popular and familiar figure among the doctors and nurses who helped her overcome her crippling deformity.

(Photo courtesy of The Saturday Evening Post.)

## Technique Developed Here

### Color Movies in Stomach Helpful as Diagnostic Aid

The puzzling case of a 32-year-old woman patient at Presbyterian Hospital recently proved the diagnostic value of cinegastroscopy—a technique devised and being perfected here for taking color motion pictures within the stomach.

Although the woman complained of severe pain in her mid-abdomen, standard tests and examinations failed to reveal the nature of her problem.

Physicians suspected an ulcer, but two gastrointestinal x-ray series failed to show it. In addition, a gall-bladder test series, and a barium enema produced negative results.

#### FILM SHOWS ULCER

After color motion pictures were taken in the woman's stomach, however, the developed film clearly revealed an ulcer, with a fresh hemorrhage in its center, on the posterior stomach wall.

A cinefluoroscopic study the next day was, like previous X-ray findings, nega-

tive; but on the basis of her symptoms and the evidence of the color photography, the patient was admitted for surgery.

Just prior to the operation, a final cinefluoroscopic study confirmed the lesion—and surgeons found a benign ulcer exactly where the motion pictures indicated it would be.

The woman, whose operation was a success, was one of some 275 patients who have been examined through cinegastroscopy by Dr. Henry Colcher, originator of the promising technique.

These examinations are being carried out at the Gastrointestinal Clinic of Vanderbilt Clinic, as well as at the Columbia University Research Service at Goldwater Memorial Hospital, and at the Veterans Administration Hospital in the Bronx.

#### WORK BEGAN IN '47

A Rumanian-born, Belgian-trained internist, Dr. Colcher is assistant clinical professor of medicine at the

College of Physicians and Surgeons and assistant attending physician in the Vanderbilt Clinic.

He began his experimental work with intragastric color cinematography in 1947, only to encounter two impassible obstacles: color film available at the time was not sensitive enough,

and available bulbs gave off too much heat for internal use.

A breakthrough came in early 1959, when Eastman Kodak made available to Dr. Colcher a new hyper-sensitive 8mm color film. Since very high levels of illumination in the interior of the stomach are required for color pho-

tography, a P&S electrical engineer devised an external light source at the same time.

Light from this source was transmitted down a fiberglass bundle attached to a gastroscope, an elongated tube swallowed by a patient, which permits visual examination within the stomach.

With an 8mm camera attached to this modified gastroscope, Dr. Colcher was able to obtain his first clear picture of the interior of a stomach in action.

#### LIGHT INCREASED

Realizing that better light would produce even better results, George M. Katz, the P&S electrical engineer who worked with Dr. Colcher to make intragastric cinematography possible, invented in 1960 a special power control unit which provides flashes of intense internal illumination in synchronization with the camera shutter.

The light source for the most recent modification is a tiny bulb set in the tip of the gastroscope. It is activated by the synchronizing equipment just thousands of a second before the camera shutter opens, deactivated just before the shutter closes.



**ONE OF 275 CINEGASTROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS**

Using a 16mm camera, Dr. Colcher obtains color movies of the interior of a patient's stomach in the Gastrointestinal Clinic. At his right, standing at the patient's head, is Miss Jayne Weaver, who has been his technical assistant for over a year.



# TOMMY PSOMAS

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While Tommy was placed into the newly developed incubator-respirator, which functions somewhat like a miniature iron lung, his brother—older by one minute but considerably stronger—was placed into a regular incubator.

A collar-like apparatus was placed around Tommy's neck and chest. Doctors, nurses and technicians worked with speed, skill and self-assurance. A tiny, sensitive temperature control thermostat was taped to his stomach so his body temperature regulated that within the incubator, keeping it constant. He was tube fed a concentrated formula to provide the fuel his body needed to keep the fluttering spark of life alive. He was given a blood transfusion and intravenous fluids. A tiny mask, designed by Presbyterian Hospital anesthesiologist, Dr. Mieczyslaw Finster, was placed over his nose.

"Premature infants breathe only through their noses," said Dr. William A. Silverman, director of the Premature Nursery.

"Every time Tommy inhaled it cooled a tiny thermistor bead in the mask, which in turn triggered the inspiratory process of the breathing assistance apparatus," he added.

Gradually, as his breathing started to improve, his twin brother's became more labored.

"After about an hour and a half in the respirator, his color was more normal and his breathing showed marked improvement," Dr. John F. Rosen, the pediatric resident supervising Tommy's care, explained.

"Each hour that passed, Tommy was improving but his brother was



TOMMY HOLDS COURT AT HOME

Surrounding Tommy Psomas upon his arrival home from the Premature Nursery in Babies Hospital are his brothers and sister, from left, Michael, Patricia, Mrs. Psomas and William.

getting weaker. We attached an intermittent positive pressure respirator to the older infant, forcing pressure directly into his trachea in an effort to help his breathing. We realized by this time that both of these babies needed the unique type of respirator-incubator that Tommy was in," Dr. Rosen added.

There was no other such incubator. The older infant died 14 hours after arrival in the premature nursery.

"Tommy is the first premature baby we have placed in the new unit since important refinements in the electronic timing mechanism for the breathing apparatus were completed. We feel that the unit functioned almost perfectly," Dr. Silverman remarked.

## STAGGERING PROBLEMS

Although Tommy was making progress after 24 hours of vigilant care, he was still far from being out of danger. A premature infant has staggering problems to cope with. Physiologically, he has not completed the development necessary to survive outside his mother's womb. The slightest imbalance in temperature, moisture, oxygen, alkalinity and acidity may prove insurmountable and fatal. Advanced techniques in treatment and highly sensitive devices like the incubator-respirator Tommy was in are helping insure against such imbalances.

## PIONEERING ADVANCES

The pioneering advances achieved at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in this field are helping turn back the tide of brain damage and mortality among premature infants. During the past year 300 preemies have been treated here. This is one of the city's premature centers, to which babies are transferred in portable incubators from other hospitals throughout the metropolitan area.

For 10 days Tommy's condition and progress were under constant surveillance. Tests were made two to four times daily to check the acidity in his blood. Had it been too high, it would have meant the respirator was not assisting his breathing adequately and consequently his lungs would not pump

out poisonous carbon dioxide and bring in sufficient oxygen to nourish his heart, brain and blood vessels.

"We had very accurate readings on his blood by using a new technique devised by Miss Agnete Thomson and Mrs. Hedy Tomczak in the microchemical laboratory of the premature nursery. This involves drawing blood from the temporal arteries in the head," Dr. Rosen explained.

"Usually, blood samples are taken by pricking the infant's heel. This is capillary blood, however, and in very sick infants may not provide as accurate a basis for laboratory evaluation as arterial blood," he pointed out.

## NO WEIGHT LOSS

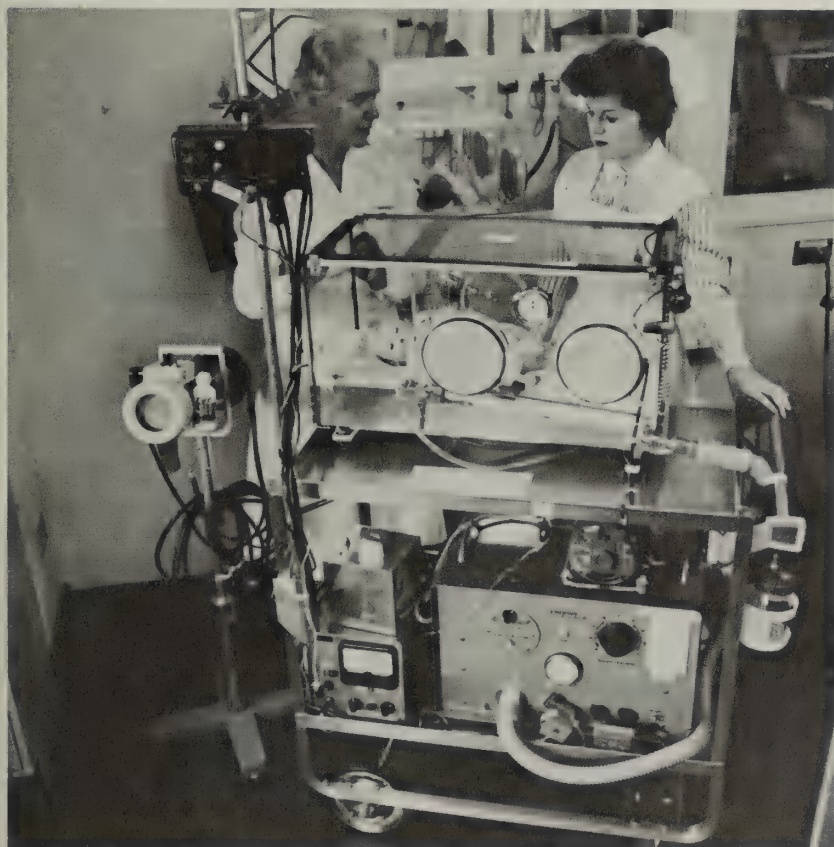
Normally, a premature infant loses 10 to 15 per cent of his birth weight during the first week after birth. In Tommy's case, he didn't lose a gram.

"After 10 days, we started weaning him from the respirator. We took him out for 12 hours and placed him in a regular incubator. Then we returned him to the respirator incubator for 12 hours. We did this for three days and he adjusted easily to the complete abandonment of the respirator," Dr. Rosen said.

"Ever since we brought him home on November 13th, Tommy has been the center of attraction for his brothers and sister," Mrs. Psomas said.

"Naturally, we felt badly about the other twin, but I know they did everything they could for him. I wouldn't have wanted to be anywhere else, and I wouldn't have wanted the babies anywhere else.

"I just can't imagine people showing more interest and kindness or being able to do as much as they did for me and my babies," she added.



THE MACHINE THAT MEANS LIFE FOR "PREEMIES"

This is the new incubator-respirator designed and developed by Medical Center personnel that saved the life of tiny Tommy Psomas. It is the only one of its kind in the world. Demonstrating its use for Student Nurse Sally P. Murphy is Miss Priscilla Parke, head nurse in Babies Hospital premature nursery.



## SING SING VOLUNTEERS AID "RH BABY" RESEARCH

Medical researchers at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, in clinical experiments with volunteers at Sing Sing Prison, are developing a procedure which holds promise for the prevention of erythroblastosis fetalis—a blood incompatibility responsible for "Rh Babies."

Drs. Vincent J. Freda, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and John G. Gorman, associate in pathology, reported on the use of an experimental gamma globulin developed especially for this purpose at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.

They have been assisted by Dr. William Pollack, senior research scientist at the Ortho Research Foundation, Raritan, N. J. The studies have been supported by the Health Research Council of New York City.

### PRISONERS HELP

The doctors sought to determine whether a high concentration of antibody injected into an Rh negative individual would prevent the natural antibody response to subsequent introduction of Rh positive blood cells. Following extensive laboratory tests, they initiated their clinical experiment with nine volunteers at Sing Sing Prison. This initial study covered a one year period.

Four of the prisoners were given injections of the antibody preparation intramuscularly once a month for five months. This preparation, anti-Rh gamma<sub>2</sub> globulin, was of sufficiently high concentration to get into circulation throughout the body within eight hours.

The following day, each of these and five other prisoners who had not been protected with the antibody were given positive blood cells.

### SENSITIZATION PREVENTED

"The four who received antibodies did not become sensitized by the Rh positive blood," Dr. Freda explained.

"Their natural immunological mechanism which would have produced antibodies did not react to the positive blood cells, because the injected antibodies apparently inactivated these cells before they could stimulate an immune response," he continued.

"The suppression of an initial immune response to an antigen by the passive administration of an excess of the corresponding antibody—is an accepted immunological phenomenon. We have merely extended this observation to the Rh-anti Rh system."

Four of the five prisoners

additional 20-30 volunteers from Sing Sing Prison. We must determine if the preparation will protect equally well when administered two days after the Rh positive blood is given," Dr. Freda said.

In this way, the doctors hope to determine whether this is soon enough to destroy the positive blood cells before they can activate the natural antibody mechanism.



Drs. John Gorman and Vincent Freda discuss some of the details relating to their current research at Sing Sing.

who were not protected by injection of antibodies prior to receiving the positive blood cells became highly sensitized. Their antibody mechanisms were stimulated and antibodies were still present in their systems six months after they stopped receiving positive blood.

### PROTECTION LASTS

In the group protected with the antibody preparation, there was no evidence of natural antibodies during the five months of injections and at three months after the last injection no Rh antibody could be detected in any of the protected groups, and this held true for an additional follow-up of three months.

The possibility of protecting Rh negative mothers by administering antibody following childbirth occurred independently to Dr. Ronald Finn and Cyril Clarke in England and to Drs. Freda and Gorman in the United States.

The concept prompted the Columbia-Presbyterian researchers to enlist the help of the Ortho Research Foundation in the development of a safe and potent Rh antibody preparation which could be administered by a single, small intramuscular injection.

### NEW STUDY BEGINS

"We must get more clinical experience with this specialized gamma-globulin and we have already started an expanded study with an

This would more closely simulate the chronology of such treatment for pregnant mothers, who would receive antibodies by intramuscular injection after delivery of their first baby, should further studies confirm the safety and potential value of this antibody preparation.

During pregnancy, minute amounts of positive blood may seep into the mother. However, greater amounts probably enter her system at the time of delivery, and this, they suspect, is the important stimulus in initiating the immunological reaction on the part of the mother. A small amount of positive cells seeping through during a second pregnancy apparently is sufficient to act as a booster and trigger the antibody mechanism.

### "NO ONE KNOWS"

Drs. Freda and Gorman theorized that the large volume of positive blood entering the mother at the time of delivery following her first pregnancy is the key factor in predisposing her antibody mechanism.

They then suggested that injection of antibody at that time would destroy the positive cells before they had a chance to so predispose the natural antibody mechanism.

"The basic problem," explained Dr. Freda, "is that no one really knows when the prime stimulus for Rh sensitization takes place—during the pregnancy or at

## Hospital Personnel Help Save Yugoslavian Girl

A Yugoslavian magazine has credited the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center with a valuable assist in saving the life of a teen-age girl who was suffering from a grave brain condition.

The girl, pretty, dark-eyed Marieta Jabor, 19, had been given 10 days to live—unless she could undergo a neurological operation for hydrocephalus.

Before the successful surgery was performed, American relatives of the girl, Medical Center personnel, and airline pilots all became involved in a tense race against time.

The tension was heightened because of a problem facing the Yugoslav neurosurgeons: nowhere could they obtain a Pudenz-Heyer valve, a tiny pump inserted surgically into the skull to drain off excessive fluid from the brain.

Without the valve there was no hope for Marieta.

### PLEA GOES OUT

Marieta's doctors appealed to her cousin in America, Mrs. Victoria Simunovich of Englewood Cliffs, N. J. According to the magazine: "While the fateful hours were ticking away, American relatives and friends of Marieta were making the rounds of surgical supply houses, clinics, drug stores and doctors' offices, searching for what seemed to be 'the impossible' to find."

the time of delivery.

"Protection with antibody following delivery can only succeed if the prime Rh stimulus occurs about the time of delivery. A clinical trial with this specialized gamma-globulin could provide us with an answer within five years.

Approximately one out of every 200 newborn in the United States is affected to some degree as a result of Rh sensitization. In these cases, the mother's blood type is Rh negative, the father's Rh positive and the unborn infant's also Rh positive.

### 15% DIE BEFORE BIRTH

When the positive blood cells from the baby enter the mother's blood stream in sufficient volume they stimulate formation of antibodies. These antibodies then destroy the baby's Rh positive blood cells, resulting in acute anemia, or, in approximately 15 per cent of such pregnancies, death in utero.

"We are still a few years from substantiating our theory," Dr. Freda continued.

"If our studies confirm our belief that the antibody can be administered safely

Finally a helpful druggist recommended that they try the Medical Center, where Mrs. Simunovich and her husband arrived Saturday, March 16. Only three days remained of the 10 Marieta had been given to live.

Through the assistance of James D. Jolley, on duty at the Presbyterian Hospital information desk, Miss Mary Miskimon, assistant supervisor in the Neurological Institute operating room, and C. Douglas Auty, administrative officer on duty that day, the life-saving valve was obtained.

At Mr. Jolley's suggestion, Mrs. Simunovich rushed the valve to Idlewild International Airport, where it was given to a sympathetic pilot, who flew it by jet to Zurich, Switzerland.

From there the precious package was relayed by another pilot and another plane to Marieta's waiting physicians in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. Within 24 hours after the Simunoviches received the valve at the Medical Center, the Yugoslav surgeons were inserting it into Marieta's skull.

two days after the volunteers receive the positive blood cells, we then must do an extensive study on prospective mothers (treated and control groups) who are susceptible to Rh sensitization.

"We will have to follow them beginning with their very first pregnancy, administer the antibody to the test group after the delivery of their first babies, and continue to follow them throughout a second pregnancy and perhaps a third."

### CLINIC IS ESSENTIAL

In 1960, guided by the initial suggestions of Professor Howard C. Taylor, Jr., Dr. Freda organized an Rh antepartum clinic at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in order to follow and observe the natural history of Rh sensitization in Rh negative mothers and to apply and evaluate new methods of management for mothers already sensitized.





# The Stethoscope

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## FREE POLIO VACCINE ON JULY 30th

Free oral polio vaccine will be provided on July 30th in the Doctors' Dining Room, Presbyterian Hospital first floor, from 8-10 AM and 2-5 PM for all hospital and college staff and personnel.

This will be the first of two doses, the second will be provided in September. All staff members and personnel are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

## P.H. Security Head Is Named Chairman Of Advisory Group

James Sheridan, supervisor of Protective Services at Presbyterian Hospital, has been appointed chairman of the Security Officers Advisory Committee and a member of the Disaster Planning Committee of the Greater New York Hospital Association. Last year he was vice-chairman of the former committee.

Mr. Sheridan, a former Lieutenant in the New York Police Department, assumed his present duties here in 1958. An alumnus of Manhattan College and the Pace School of Business Administration, Mr. Sheridan served in the Police Department for 23 years. Dur-

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## PUBLIC INTEREST WINS AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

The Department of Public Interest will receive MacEachern awards for excellence in hospital public relations for the third consecutive year.

Presented by Hospital Management Magazine, the plaques will be conferred during the annual convention of the American Hospital Association in New York this August.

The department was selected for awards in two of the five categories open for competition among the thousands of hospitals throughout North America.

*Stethoscope* was cited for excellence in the field of hospital bulletins for the third year in a row and for the second consecutive year

## Yule Visit To Erin Is Co-workers' Gift To Helen Murphy

Helen M. Murphy concludes almost four decades of association with the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology when she retires on July 31.

"Not really retiring," she claims, "just not coming into an office every day."

To retire would be out of character for Miss Murphy, who came to "fill in for a vacationing secretary" in the office of Dr. William Studdiford in 1920 and stayed on in various capacities until 1926 when she became secretary in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

"The biggest change over this span of 37 years has been the increase in research and the expansion of research laboratory space," Miss Murphy contends.

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Helen M. Murphy

## New In Diagnosing Heart Defects: "Phonocinefluorocardiography"

### Accountant Earns Degree, Promotion With Weinberg Aid

The first Presbyterian Hospital employee to earn a degree under the Weinberg Educational Aid Reimbursement Fund has been rewarded with a promotion.

Charles Orlando, who was awarded a master's degree in business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University in June, was advanced from junior accountant in the Comptroller's Department to supervisor of cash receipts and disbursements in the Assistant Treasurer's Office.

A 29-year-old native of Jersey City, Mr. Orlando received a bachelor of science degree in business administration in 1956 from Syracuse University and worked in a public accounting firm in Newark before coming to the Medical Center in December 1958.

### FUND SET UP IN '62

It took him seven semesters of night study—three with Weinberg Fund aid—to earn the advanced degree.

He is married and the father of two daughters, Elizabeth, 2½, and Alison, 1½. The family resides in Fort Lee.

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Charles Orlando

A promising diagnostic technique for evaluating heart defects is being developed by researchers at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. The technique (which requires almost as much skill to pronounce as to perform) is called "phonocinefluorocardiography." It consists in making sound movies of the heart.

The advantages of the new method are many. It adds to the information which can be obtained through other diagnostic procedures including cardiac catheterization; it is relatively simple to perform; it can provide signposts of certain heart defects which are difficult to detect by other methods; and there is neither risk nor discomfort involved for the patient.

Dr. William M. Rogers, associate professor of anatomy at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, who is director of this research project, explains that the new technique involves combining fluoroscopic movies of a patient's heart with recordings of the patient's heart sounds using a special camera and synchronized sound track on the movie film.

### SWALLOW STETHOSCOPE

The recording of heart sounds is done with the assistance of a tiny esophageal stethoscope, invented by Dr. Rogers, which the patient swallows. The doctors guide this stethoscope to a site immediately behind the heart, where it will record many pressure pulses and sounds that cannot be de-

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### Volunteer passes 18,000-hour mark

## A Champion At Age 83, That's Maud Musgrave

Volunteer Maud Musgrave can boast of these unusual statistics: 5-minus, 80-plus, and 18,000-plus.

The first is her height (she's so tiny that she has to look up at a five-footer) and the second is her age (she's been an octogenarian for three years). But it's the third figure that makes her a champion.

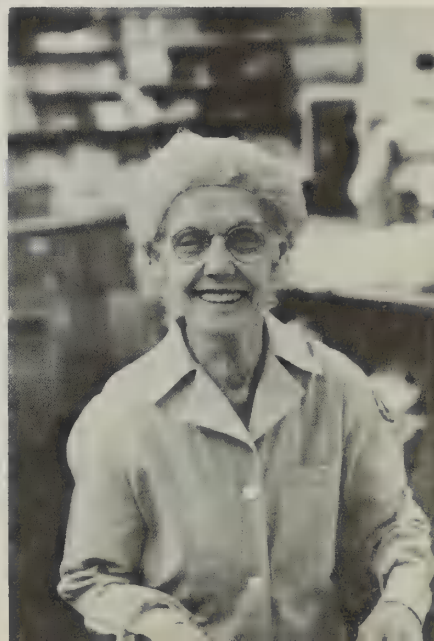
Miss Musgrave is the first person in the history of the Presbyterian Hospital Volunteer Department who has contributed more than 18,000 hours of service. This amount is equal to nine years of full-time work.

Described as "very dedicated" by her co-workers in Sterile Supply, the native of Leeds, England started here as a Volunteer in April 1951.

"Maudie works six hours a day, six days a week," said Mrs. Mary McAllister, head of Sterile Supply. "She never even sits down, just works all day long."

According to the silver-haired Miss Musgrave, she has worked hard all her life and doesn't know how to stop now. An indication of her remarkable energy: she occasionally walks to the Medical Center from her

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Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox.

## STETHOSCOPIA

Carolyn Reeves, daughter of Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr. will become the bride of Mr. Edward L. Dunn on August 31 at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Miss Reeves has worked at the Hospital as a summer aide during the past two summers. Mr. Dunn is a metallurgist at Lehigh University. The couple will live in Bethlehem, Pa.

Robert J. Lefkowitz, P&S Class of '66, was married on June 11 to Miss Arna Gornstein of White Plains, New York; James Lowell Barzun, P&S Class of '66 was married to Miss Pamela Spence Richards of New York on June 29. The bridegroom's father, Jacques Barzun, is Dean of Faculties and Provost of Columbia University.

Robert Dwight Miner, School of Dental and Oral Surgery student married Miss Virginia Ann Van Wie of Tenaflly, New Jersey on June 29. Mr. Miner's father is professor of history at Columbia University and historian of the University.

Dr. Jerome Vincent Murphy, assistant resident at Babies Hospital, was married to Miss Rachel Mary Morris of Coventry, Warwickshire, England, on June 29 in Riverdale, New York.

Dr. Sanford R. Weiss, Assistant Resident in Microbiology, is engaged to Miss Lynn Kraemer of South Orange, New Jersey. The couple plan an autumn wedding.

Jane Rusaky, Patient's Accounts, has announced her engagement to Mr. Gus Petrides. The couple plan to marry during the winter.

Terry McHugh, Recording Department, was married in June to Jerry Lambiase.

Joan Ruth Gardenier, Infant Technician, married Mr. Edward W. Martin of Hicksville, L. I. recently. The couple will live in Hicksville where Mr. Martin is on the police force.

Mrs. Marge Hennessy, Compensation Department, had a wedding in her family recently. Her daughter, Margaret, became the bride of Mr. Steven Sedlacek on July 6.

A bridal shower for Marjorie Holgerson, IBM Unit, was held in Harkness Hall on June 29. The surprise affair, given by Mrs. Helen Youngberg and Mrs. Anita MacDonnell, was attended by 35 relatives and fellow-employees.

Frank Stingo, upholstery foreman, and Mrs. Stingo, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Florida.

Simone Bethanis, biller in Patients Accounts, spent a two week vacation in France and Greece.

Mrs. Jeanette Smith, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer's office, is vacationing in Canada and California.

At Mary Harkness Unit vacationers include Gladys Barrett, who is in Nova Scotia, Helen Gosline, touring New England, Leo Guzzo, visiting Florida and Donald Brown, who went to Texas and Iowa.

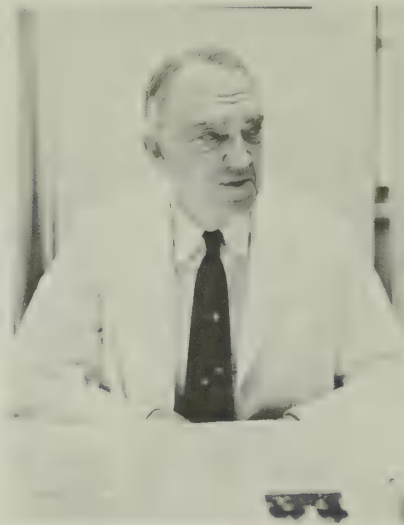
Chaplain Reeves will teach a seminar on pastoral counselling at Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, New Mexico, August 13-23. This is a conference center run by the Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fuchs on the birth of their son, Robert. Father is in the Maintenance and Construction Department.

Mrs. Edith Hinkel, secretary in the Engineering Department, welcomed her third grandchild recently. The infant's mother is former Presbyterian nurse, Janet Rushmore.

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## DOINGS OF DOCTORS



Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr.

Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr., Director of Service, Obstetrics and Gynecology, recently spent nine days with a mission from the Population Council in Turkey where he lectured in Istanbul, Izmir and Ankara.

Dr. Algernon B. Reese, Consultant in Ophthalmology, was recently guest of honor at the European Ophthalmic Pathology Society Meeting and the Danish Ophthalmological Society Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark where he presented two papers on "Malignant Melanoma" and "Orbital Tumors."

Dr. Reese was also guest of honor at the annual meeting of the Canadian Ophthalmological Society in June.

Dr. George Winthrop Fish, Consultant in Urology, has been elected president of the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons at the annual meeting of that association recently held in Chicago. Dr. Fish is the third physician from the Squier Clinic to hold this distinguished office. Dr. J. Bentley Squier and Dr. George F. Cahill were former presidents.

Dr. Thomas V. Santulli, Attending Surgeon, attended the Second Annual Pediatric Post-Graduate course at Maimonides Hospital-State University of New York State Medical Center where he presented a paper on "Advances in Pediatric Gastro-Intestinal Surgery."

Dr. Niels L. Low, Assistant Attending Neurologist, was Consultant in Neurology at a 3 day Workshop on Abnormal Function of the Glossopharyngeal Complex as it Relates to Problems of Speech & Malocclusion. The course was held in Memphis, Tenn. June 17, 18 and 19 under the sponsorship of the U.S. Children's Bureau and the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry.

Dr. Lester C. Mark, Associate Attending Anesthesiologist, spoke on "Intravenous Anesthesia" at the annual meeting of the Connecticut Society of Oral Surgeons in Hamden, Conn. recently.

Dr. Ralph W. Richter, Assistant Neurologist, has gone to Presbyterian Hospital, San Francisco, Calif. as a member of the Department of Neurology.

Dr. L. Stanley James, Assistant Attending Pediatrician, appeared on Calendar on CBS channel 2 July 22, explaining and demonstrating the Apgar Scoring of a newborn infant. Dr. Virginia Apgar, who formulated the system while she was on the staff here, was on the program. The newborn sequence was taped here at the Medical Center.

A fund for the establishment of a permanent memorial at the Medical Center for the late Dr. William R. Watson has been set up under the auspices of Dr. Josef H. Weissberg, Department of Psychiatry, PH 8-835. The fund will probably be used for an endowed Annual Lecture Series.

### \$5,000 Grant To Dr. Curnen

Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., Director of Babies Hospital and Carpentier Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been presented an unrestricted grant of \$5,000 for medical research.

The award came from Wyeth Laboratories, a pharmaceutical manufacturer of Philadelphia.



DR. CURNEN, left, accepts a check for \$5,000 from DANIEL YOWELL, a clinical associate of Wyeth Laboratories, during a brief presentation ceremony in Harkness Hall.



## Angered By Questionnaires, She Goes From Mad To Verse

Questionnaires that probe the innermost recesses of our personal lives have become an entity of our time. They give us writer's cramp, frustrate us, confuse us, annoy us and, occasionally, move us to poetry.

Anyway Miss Mary Wellington, who has to fill in many questionnaires as a secretary in the Department of Microbiology, was once impelled to versification — as the following rhyme of protest indicates.

### THOUGHTS WHILE FILLING IN FORMS

Forms and more forms, why fill them in?  
'Cause if we don't t'would be a sin!  
They've got us coming, going;  
We dare not make a slip;  
Their lines are all unending—  
We're firmly in their grip.

A, B, C, D, . . . (we must comply):  
When were you born? When will you die?  
Your education: put it down!  
Your residence: in country; town.  
Now, list your hobbies—don't forget,  
From chess to balls slammed o'er a net.

What are your prospects . . . good or bad?  
Comply with us—(we better had!)  
And your intentions we ask too:  
Are they considered all true blue?  
What have you written; what's your line?  
Do you drink liquor, hard, or wine?

Please list the illnesses you've had  
Including breakdowns, mild and bad.  
Are you considered strong, or frail?  
(Such queries are beyond the pale!)

More questions, now, to top them all:  
How do you measure—short or tall?  
What are your eyes: gray, blue, or brown;  
And do you wear a smile, or frown?

If anything has been left out  
(Such oversight we strongly doubt!)  
There is a blank space here below  
For other things they long to know.

## P&S Receives \$250,000 In Faculty Salary Aid

The College of Physicians and Surgeons will receive a quarter million dollars from the Richard King Mellon Charitable Trusts to augment the salaries it pays its professors and other teachers.

P&S is one of 23 American private medical schools selected to share in the Mellon Trusts grant, which totals \$5,750,000.

In acknowledging the grant, Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the College, said: "We are indebted to the trustees of the Richard King Mellon Charitable Trusts for this gift.

"With the great increase in the population in our country it will be necessary for our medical schools to expand at an unprecedented rate. We are proud that our school has always been in

the forefront in the training of medical educators. This grant will enable us to train more teachers for our school and for the other schools in our country."

Selection of the 23 private medical schools was based on a study by Dr. Willard C. Rappleye, dean emeritus of P&S, and Dr. Fordyce B. St. John, professor emeritus of surgery at P&S and consultant to the Medical Center.

Their study revealed that support for the basic operations of the nation's 87 accredited medical schools is less than one per cent of the total national amount spent annually for health services. The study also indicated that health services now rank third among U. S. activities in the number of persons employed.

## THRIFT SHOPS NEED RUMMAGE

The thrift shops operated by members of three hospital auxiliaries of the Medical Center are seeking rummage.

They are looking for items of usable clothing, shoes, furniture, household goods, costume jewelry, and other articles that aren't needed, but would be of some use to someone else.

Money realized from sale of the goods will help send needy youngsters to summer camp, will aid student nurses through scholarships, and will also benefit Milbank Library, the Volunteer Department, Social Service Department, and needy patients.

### TAX DEDUCTIONS

The auxiliaries which are involved in thrift shops are Babies Hospital, Neurological Institute, and Presbyterian Hospital. All can put your usable, unwanted rummage to good use.

All items donated are tax deductible and a receipt will be sent to you.

You may mail your contribution, deliver it in person, or phone for pick-up service.

Contributions to the Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary go to:

Stuyvesant Sq. Thrift Shop  
1406 3rd Ave. (at 80th St.)  
New York 21, N. Y.  
Phone: RH 4-9240

Items for either the Babies Hospital Auxiliary or the Neurological Institute Auxiliary (be sure to designate which) go to:

Everybody's Thrift Shop  
1139 2nd Ave. (at 60th St.)  
New York 22, New York  
Phone: EL 5-9263

## In Memoriam



ALBERT C. SIMMONDS, JR.

Albert Carleton Simmonds, Jr., a trustee of the Presbyterian Hospital since February, 1962, died in Harkness Pavilion June 23. His age was 60.

A native of Simmesport, La., he was board chairman and chief executive officer of the Bank of New York, and was a former president of the New York State Bankers Association.

He began his career with the bank in 1930, rising to president in 1948 and chairman nine years later. He also was director of several insurance companies and manufacturing corporations.

### SURVIVORS LISTED

He was awarded the degree of bachelor of arts by Vanderbilt University in 1922 and a master's degree in business administration three years later by Harvard University.

A director and former treasurer of the Greater New York Fund, he was chairman of the board of Teachers College, Columbia University, and a trustee of Vanderbilt University.

Surviving are his widow, the former Mary Adelaide Harding; a son, Albert Carleton Simmonds III, and his mother, Nonie (Butler) Simmonds.

### DR. CHARLES F. POST

Dr. Charles Francis Post, assistant clinical professor of Dermatology at P&S and assistant attending dermatologist at Presbyterian Hospital, died suddenly on July 10 in his office in Ridgewood, N. J. He was 41.

Dr. Post had been affiliated with the Medical Center since 1947. A native of Riverdale, N. J., he graduated from the University of Rochester in 1942, and received his M.D. degree from that university's medical school in 1944. He interned at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester and did his assistant residencies at Roosevelt and Presbyterian Hospitals in New York.

### MEMBERSHIPS LISTED

During World War II, Dr. Post served as a lieutenant (j.g.) in the Naval Reserve's Medical Corps on active duty in the Pacific. He had also been with the United States Public Health Service.

Dr. Post was a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology, a member of the American Medical Association, the Academy of Medicine of New York, the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology, the Atlantic Dermatological Society, the Metropolitan Dermatological Society, and the New York and New Jersey Medical Societies.

He held staff appointments at the Valley Hospital and Bergen Pines in New Jersey and was a consultant at Christian Sanitarium in Wyckoff and the Chilton Memorial Hospital in Pompton Plains.

He is survived by his wife, the former Hilda Groschopp, a son and five daughters.

### DR. H. A. OSSERMAN

Dr. Hyman A. Osserman, associate attending neurologist (inactive) at the Neurological Institute, died here June 17. He was 70 years old.

After receiving a bachelor of arts degree from Columbia University in 1913, he went on to the College of Physicians and Surgeons and was awarded his M.D. in 1916.

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## "THE LATE" MRS. VERMILYE IS FEELING BETTER ALREADY

Contrary to what was indicated in the June issue of STETHOSCOPE, there's nothing "late" about Mrs. Herbert Vermilye.

Mrs. Vermilye, the former Elise Hillyer of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing's Class of 1913, was mentioned in a front page article concerning the valiant record compiled by members of her class as nurses in France during World War I.

Unfortunately the article referred to her as "the late" Mrs. Vermilye. But she is very much alive — and very alert and active. She spends her winters in Florida and her summers in Vermont or at her son's home at Oyster Bay, L. I. Her permanent address is 6 Burns St., Forest Hills.

And Mrs. Vermilye retains a keen sense of humor. When assured that she would be "resurrected" in STETHOSCOPE, she quipped: "Why I feel better already!"



## Patricia McLean Earns Promotion At Dental School

Mrs. Patricia A. McLean, assistant professor of dental hygiene, has been appointed acting director of the Courses for Dental Hygienists, Columbia University.

A 1937 graduate of the University's Courses for Dental Hygienists, Mrs. McLean began her career at Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital, then went into private practice with her father, Dr. E. P. Stanton, a dentist.



Mrs. Patricia A. McLean

After raising four children, she returned to private practice and later was teacher of dental hygiene in Westchester schools while earning bachelor's degree in health education and a master's degree in the field of administration of higher education.

### APPOINTED IN '57

She was appointed to the faculty of Columbia's School of Dental and Oral Surgery in 1957 and three years later was advanced to assistant professor. She is now president of the Dental Hygienists Association of New York.

Mrs. McLean's eldest son, John, is a junior in the School of Dental and Oral Surgery. Her other children are also in college: Peter is a candidate for the degree of master of business administration at Columbia, Marianne is a senior at Emmanuel College, Boston, and Paul is a sophomore at Assumption College, Worcester, Mass.

## MR. SHERIDAN

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ing that time he was President of the Sergeants Benevolent Assn.; a member of the Honor Legion with 13 citations and a founder of the Superior Officers Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan, the former Marie Weberg of New York, live at 38-35 208th St., Bayside, L. I. They have two daughters, Sister Michele Marie, a nun teaching at Mount Mercy on the Hudson, and Gertrude, a teacher at Hicksville High School; and one son, James, Jr., a student at Holy Cross Prep School in Bayside.

## Mr. Orlando

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The Weinberg Fund was established in January 1962 through a \$70,000 gift from Sidney J. Weinberg, a trustee of the hospital since 1946.

The fund reimburses full-time employees up to 50% of the tuition cost of job-related courses pursued at a school of recognized standing. Interested employees may obtain further information from their supervisors.

## Volunteer

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West 113th Street apartment, a distance of some 35 blocks.

Miss Musgrave said she came to this country so long ago that she can't remember the exact date. For a time she worked in silk mills in Massachusetts and later was in the Dietary Department at St. Luke's Hospital, Manhattan.

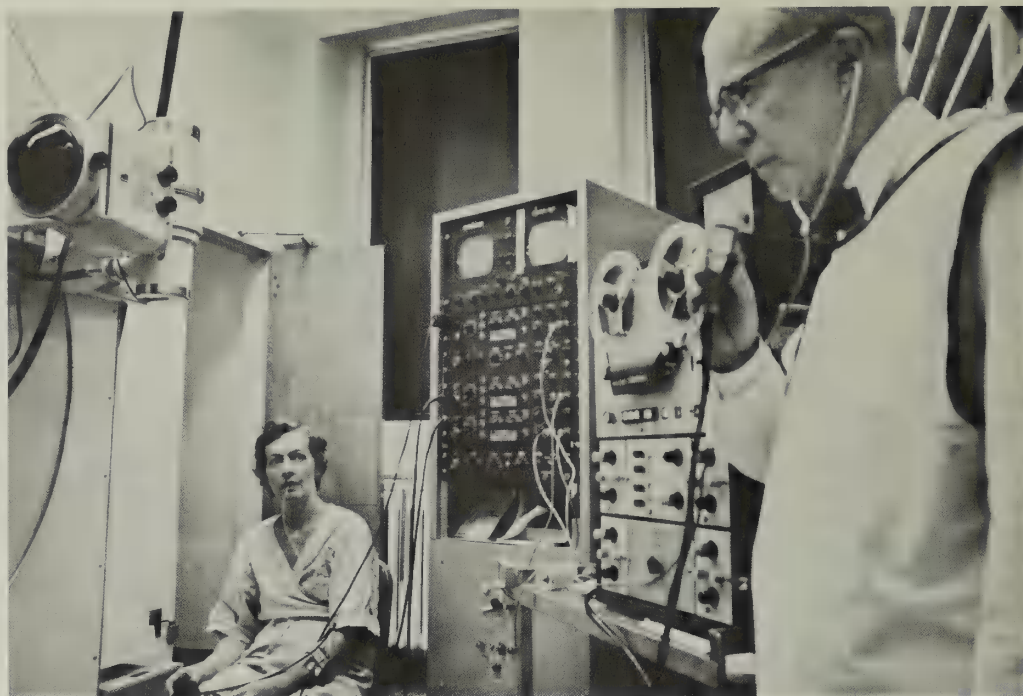
## MISS MURPHY

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"When I first came to the College our department had just two labs—now we have a floor and a half devoted to research and are still cramped for space."

Miss Murphy's plans include finishing work on some papers and a book, "making his last days happy for Tippy, my 12-year-old Norwegian Elkhound," and visiting her relatives and friends in Ireland at Christmas.

The trip "home" to Ireland is a gift from the alumni and staff of Sloane Hospital who subscribed generously to the idea that "Helen should have a wonderful vacation among the scenes and friends of her childhood."



Dr. William Rogers and patient "on location" while filming a movie with sound track of the heart in action.

## HEART MOVIES

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tected by placing a regular stethoscope on the outside of the chest wall.

Dr. Rogers, in collaboration with Dr. Kent Ellis of the department of radiology and Dr. James S. Harrison of the department of anatomy, has now obtained some 100 sound movies which include pressure pulses and electrocardiograms of patients with heart defects. To obtain the best possible evaluation of the effectiveness of this method, the researchers made studies of patients before, during and after open heart surgery.

They then reviewed their findings and diagnostic observations with those obtained through other diag-

nostic procedures by the doctors managing each patient.

A comparison of the data obtained from cardiac catheterization (during which a wire-like tube is threaded through a vein into the heart chambers to obtain various pressure readings) and phonocinefluorocardiography, leads enthusiasts of the latter to believe that in a great many cases it may eliminate the necessity for catheterization.

### DEPENDABLE METHOD

"Both our experimental and clinical studies are revealing that this is a dependable method for establishing the diagnosis of several types of heart defects," Dr. Rogers said.

"In addition, it enables us to add to the information we obtain through other di-

agnostic procedures a movie where we can watch the patient's heart on the screen and study the cardiac dynamics and hear the sounds made at the same time."

The subject of phonocinefluorocardiography will be among those discussed during a symposium on "Advances in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Mitral Valve Disease" at the New York Academy of Medicine on October 14th. Dr. Rogers will present a paper on "Phonocinefluorocardiography in the Assessment of Mitral Valve Disease."

To further the development of this diagnostic technique, the College of Physicians and Surgeons has received a \$51,198 grant for three years from Lillia Babbitt Hyde Foundation, Dean H. Houston Merritt announced.

## Dr. Rose Receives \$52,394 More For His Virus Studies

Medical Center researchers have received a renewal grant of \$52,394 for continuing studies of how viruses multiply and damage the cells they infect.

Presented by The National Foundation-March of Dimes, the award will support research directed by Dr. Harry M. Rose, attending microbiologist at Presbyterian Hospital and Borne Professor of Medical and Surgical Research and chairman of the Department of Microbiology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Rose and his col-

leagues are attempting to discover the step-by-step process followed by viruses in infecting cells, reproducing within them, and damaging or killing them. This knowledge would be invaluable in the search for a means of combating virus diseases.

In order to watch the tiny viruses at work, Dr. Rose's group uses antibodies tagged with an iron-containing protein known as ferritin, which can be seen under the electron microscope as distinct particles.

They introduce special antibodies into cell suspensions, then add the viruses. The tagged antibodies hook themselves to the viruses and go where the viruses go.

Using this tracking sys-

tem, the group has established that the influenza virus works on the surface of the infected cell, while the vaccinia virus (the one used to vaccinate against smallpox) works within cells.

They also have found strong indications that the reproductions of virus hereditary material (DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid) is in some way linked to the beginning of the replication of the DNA of the infected cell.

Likewise, they uncovered hints that the DNA of the vaccinia virus is not infective in its normal form, a coiled double strand, but that it becomes infective during the beginning cell

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# AWARDS

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## 6th AND 7th AWARDS

These plaques represent the sixth and seventh awards Public Interest has won in MacEachern Competitions in three years.

In addition to publishing 11,000 copies of *Stethoscope* monthly, the Department of Public Interest is responsible for several other activities designed to solidify the bridge of understanding between the hospital and the public, and to clarify in the public mind the relationship between society and the voluntary teaching hospital—one of America's greatest social institutions.

These Public Interest activities lie primarily in the realm of communications. They include the design, editing and production of Medical Center and Hospital publications such as The Columbia - Presbyterian Medical Center Annual Report; A Message From The President; Annual Report on the Open Heart Surgery Program; Information For You; You and Your Job; Patient Folder; Medical Center Map; The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel booklet; Mary Harkness booklet; Suggestions For You and Your Baby (English and Spanish); Christmas Card; Volunteer Manual; Auxiliary booklet; From Your Medical Center Mailbag; A Glimpse Behind The Scenes at America's First Medical Center; and such special commemorative booklets as The Thirteenth Baby—a historical review



A variety of current publications produced by Public Interest.

of Babies Hospital—and other programs and booklets used on special occasions.

## PRESS RELATIONS

In addition to Medical Center and Hospital publications, the Department handles press relations (including radio and television) which involve preparation and dissemination of news bulletins on patients in the news; preparation and distribution of press releases for use in the general

press as well as at scientific conventions; arrangements for television appearances of members of the hospital staff; and arrangements for the publication of magazine articles, the latest of which is an illustrated article on 24 hours in the life of Babies Hospital, to appear soon with photographs in *Good Housekeeping Magazine*.

The important services of the Volunteer Department as well as the hospital libraries also are provided

under the aegis of the Public Interest Department.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Public Interest arranges special events including such regular activities as the annual art show and the annual Christmas Window Decorating Contest; conducts tours of the hospital three days a week; arranges exhibits on the hospital bulletin board opposite the cafeteria; and handles the campaigns within the hospital for the Greater New York Fund and United Hospital Fund.

The department is responsible for Hospital fund raising, including such special appeals as the Sloane Babies Alumni Fund, the annual Christmas Appeal and the annual Spring Appeal.

Being one of the hospital's information centers, the Department of Public Interest receives a variety of requests for information which range from "Is it true that one of your doctors can cure baldness?" (no) to "Did you know that the New York Highlanders, as the New York Yankees were known back around the turn of the century, used to play their baseball on the field where the Medical Center now stands?" (yes).

## V.C. Staff Honors Leota Kennedy At Retirement Party



Leota Kennedy

"In her happy, helpful way, she even made patients like getting stuck with needles," Dr. John M. Baldwin, Jr. quipped during his speech at the recent retirement party in honor of Miss Leota Kennedy.

Miss Kennedy, who came to the Medical Center in 1929 and had worked in Vanderbilt Clinic since 1933—the last 10 years as head nurse in the Medical Clinic—was given a Tiffany gold charm bracelet with an engraved disc by her associates from the Clinic.

## C.B. Dufault Heads Hospital Assn.'s P.R. Advisory Group



Claude B. Dufault

Claude B. Dufault, Director of Public Interest at Presbyterian Hospital, has been named chairman of the Public Relations Advisory Committee of the Greater New York Hospital Association.

Mr. Dufault, who came to Presbyterian Hospital in 1960, has been a member of the Advisory Committee for two years, and last year was vice chairman.

## WAS SCIENCE EDITOR

Formerly the Science Editor of The Evening Gazette in Worcester, Mass., Mr. Dufault was graduated from Assumption Prep School and Assumption College, Worcester, and the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, D. C.

He is a member of the Alumni Board of Directors of both Assumption Prep School and Assumption College and President of the Assumption Club of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Dufault, the former Norma Fagan of Northampton, Mass., have three children and live in Ridgewood, N. J.

## BEGAN IN BOSTON

A graduate of Franklin Hospital in New Hampshire, Miss Kennedy started her career as a private duty nurse in Boston and came to work in the fracture clinic here 34 years ago. Before becoming head nurse in the Medical Clinic, she spent 14 years as head nurse in the Overnight Ward.

"I'm sorry to leave," she said, "but I am looking forward to that lovely New Hampshire countryside near Lake Winnisquam, where my family lives."



THEY'VE COME A LONG WAY

Among the 207 summer Volunteers who are contributing thousands of hours of valuable service to the Medical Center are many persons who were born in overseas countries. Among them are (front row, from left): Gloria Algarra, Columbia; Marvin Buchsbaum, Poland; Flavio Guezo, Republic of the Philippines and Myrna Rodriguez, Puerto Rico. In the rear, Nhora Restrepo of Colombia stands between sisters Winsie and Nancy Wang of Viet Nam.



## From The Mailbag

Thank you for letting us use your grounds. We had a very nice time. We had hot dogs, soda and marshmallows for lunch. Thank you for getting the fireplace ready. I hope we can come again soon.—from a cub Scout whose Troop picnicked on the ground of Mary Harkness Unit.

Now that I have left Mary Harkness I want to thank you and your staff for making my stay so pleasant. It was nice to start recuperating amongst nurses who gave their services and care so generously.—from a former patient at Mary Harkness Unit.

I shall be eternally grateful to the staff and personnel at the Medical Center for saving the life of my daughter who was a patient there.—from the mother of a former patient at Babies Hospital.

The purpose of my letter is to ask you to express our deep thanks to all the nurses on the 11th floor and those in the Intensive Care Ward on the 4th floor for the kind tender care they gave our little boy during the last two weeks of his life. We shall be forever grateful to them for all they did to make him as comfortable as it was possible for him to be during this time. It meant a great deal to us.—from the mother of a former patient at Babies Hospital.

## Med Library Assn. Elects E. Brodman, Formerly of P&S

Miss Estelle Brodman, Ph.D., formerly a librarian at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been named president-elect and vice president of the Medical Library Association.

Holder of B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University, Dr. Brodman is librarian and associate professor of medical history at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo.

The Medical Library Association has 900 members in 600 libraries of medical and scientific institutions throughout the world. Dr. Brodman will assume the presidency of the organization in June, 1964.

## DR. OSSERMAN

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He interned at Lebanon and Fordham Hospitals before beginning his career at the Neurological Institute in 1918 as a resident. He served the Institute for four decades before his retirement from active duty in 1958.

Dr. Osserman was also director of neurological services at Manhattan's Sydenham Hospital from 1940 to this year and had been chairman of that hospital's

Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons has been selected as one of six American medical schools to share a grant of \$450,000 from Procter & Gamble.

The grant, which extends over the next five years, is designed to help improve the teaching of medicine in the United States.

Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of P&S, expressed his gratitude to Procter & Gamble for the gift and noted that the current population increase in America necessitates the rapid expansion of our nation's medical schools.

"This grant," he said, "will assist Columbia to prepare more teachers for the College of Physicians and Surgeons and for other schools in our country."

medical board for 12 years.

A member of the Advisory Council of the Commissioner of Hospitals from 1950 to 1961, he also had membership in the American Board of Neurology and Psychiatry, the American Neurological Association, New York Society for Clinical Psychiatry, and the Physicians Square Club.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Marion B. Osserman; a daughter, Mrs. Marion Bauer; a son, Dr. Elliott Osserman, and five grandchildren.

## P&S Shares \$450,000 Education Grant



DEAN MERRITT  
"Prepare more teachers"

In announcing the award, Howard Morgens, president of Procter & Gamble, said that the choice of P&S was based on the number and quality of the men contributed by the College to the teaching staffs of this country's medical school.

The other five medical schools sharing in the grant are at the University of

Chicago, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Washington University.

"We believe," said Mr. Morgens, "that support of these schools on which other medical teaching institutions depend heavily for their teaching staffs will help improve the teaching of medicine and will help increase the number of practicing physicians available to the U. S. population."

He added that he hopes the grant will help offset a worsening ratio of doctors to population in the U. S. (The present ratio of one doctor for each 750 persons is expected to drop to one for each 1125 persons by 1975 — unless medical schools can turn out more trained doctors.)

The grants may be used in any way the officers and faculty of each school may determine.

## It's About TIME

STETHOSCOPE readers were delighted when TIME magazine recently announced a change in style of the body type used in printing the magazine—"to make TIME easier on the eyes."

The new type face, "Times Roman," is one we all are accustomed to since it has been used in STETHOSCOPE for the last seven years.

It was designed by a noted expert on type, Britain's Stanley Morison, for the Times of London, and he described it as "masculine, English, direct, simple and absolutely free from faddishness."

## STETHOSCOPIA

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A dog show was held recently on the lawn of Mary Harkness Unit. The group included eight poodles and their trainers from the "Poodle Obedience Training Club of Greater New York, Inc."

Best wishes to Marion R. Trilling, Chief Transcriber, Record Department, on her retirement. She has been with the Hospital since 1943.

Welcome to Lee Suszycki, who recently joined the Social Service Staff.

Ruth Shefrin, Elizabeth Crosby and Lucille Silipo of the Social Service Staff are taking a summer institute at the Smith College School of Social Work. Eileen Ward recently took an institute on Rehabilitation at the Columbia University School of Social Work.

A correction—Betty Cohan, secretary to Dr. Carl R. Feind, will be married next summer and not this year as reported last month.

Mrs. Minna Genn, Department of Psychiatry, gave a talk entitled "Pre-school Development and its Implications for the Future" to the pediatric staff at Beth Israel Hospital recently. She has also been invited to give another talk there the latter part of this year.

Kenneth Rothman, son of Mrs. Dorothy Rothman, Public Interest, has received a Social Science Research Council research training grant for an 18 month period of field work in London and West Africa, which will constitute the research for a doctoral thesis in Sociology at Harvard University. The thesis will be concerned with problems of higher education in developing areas.

Until now, Mr. Rothman's graduate study has been supported by a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship for one year, and a National Institute of Mental Health grant for two years. In July he will begin a 2 year appointment as a Fellow at the Center for Studies in Education and Development, Harvard University, where he received his Master's Degree in 1962.



Candystripers Dierdre McElligott and Jean Fink did their volunteer work in the Park Avenue window of the Pepsi-Cola World Headquarters recently. They explained to visitors at the Hospital Exhibit there how operating equipment like that used at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, functions. They also explained the Medical Center Model and display panels which have been exhibited in conjunction with the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Program.



## Quick, Before the Fad Dies, Said Tom Swiftly

"Those juvenile delinquents have been at my car again," said Tom tirelessly.

This is an example of the type of humor that's been occupying the free moments of word-game-loving Americans for a few months now.

The verbal game is called "Tom Swifties," named for the all-American boy who was the literary hero of almost all American boys of a generation ago.

Tom Swift of storybook fame never just said something. All his speeches came complete with adverbial stage directions. For example: "I will not be a party to this cruel hoax," said Tom righteously.

It took the wits a couple of decades, but they finally realized there was a possibility of humor in matching a statement with a carefully selected adverb. One was used in the Mid-West until it became a cliché: "I could really use a martini," said Tom drily.

The fad has had its popularity and is now almost passe. In fact, a friend who lives in Greenwich Village has assured us that anyone attempting humor with Tom Swifties in this *avant garde* settlement is considered a square. "The new fad is elephant jokes," she said ponderously.

Elephant "jokes" are our idea of nothing funny at all, so before the Tom Swiftie fad becomes stone cold all over the nation, here are a few that might be overheard in various departments around the Medical Center.

### BLOOD BANK:

"Nurse, I want you to know my blood is blue," said Tom vaingloriously.

### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

"Who forgot to cut the electric current?" yelled Tom glowingly.

### RADIOLOGY:

"You didn't develop these X-rays very well!" said Tom negatively.

### MATERNITY WARD:

"Change that diaper," ordered Tom rashly.

### VANDERBILT CLINIC:

"Doctor, I've been sick for seven days," said Tom weakly.

### HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT:

"There's just one way to get this dust out of here," said Tom sweepingly.

"Just a moment," said Tom watchfully. "There's no need to beat a dead stallion," he added hoarsely. "Stop this foolishness immediately," he commanded haltingly.

So Tom has spoken, swiftly. But there's no reason why you can't come up with some Swifties of your own. Try the game. It's pun fun.

## GNYP DRIVE SETS RECORD

The staff and personnel of Presbyterian Hospital have contributed \$10,720, the highest total ever, to the 1963 Greater New York Fund campaign.

The amount exceeded the previous high, set last year, by \$108.85, according to Dr. C. R. Wise, campaign chairman for the hospital.

Employees also raised their average gift from \$3.43 last year to \$3.64 this year. In 1962 Presbyterian was tops in total giving and in per capita giving among all hospitals participating in the campaign.

Major increases over last year's total contributions were recorded by Food Service, Buildings and Grounds, Professional Staff, Doctors' Offices and Research, Public Interest, Mary Harkness Unit, and Non-Professional Services.

## Virus Study

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division when the double strand coil unwinds to become two single strands.

These electron microscope findings will now be related to chemical study of viral action to seek a detailed picture—chemical as well as physical—of just how viruses act in and on the cells they attack.



At March of Dimes-sponsored Arthritis Treatment Center, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, Joan Keeler, a victim of severe rheumatoid arthritis, is examined by Dr. Charles L. Christian. She has recently undergone surgery to "unclench" her hands.

## PATIENT-THERAPIST RESISTS SURRENDER TO ARTHRITIS

Joan Keeler is a rather determined woman who lives and works in Summit, N. J. She works as a physical therapist—except on those days when she makes a monthly visit to the March of Dimes-financed Arthritis Clinical Study Center at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Joan has suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for 13 years—ever since the summer after graduation from high school. This affliction, which tortures, cripples and deforms more people in the United States than any other disorder, made it impossible for Joan to complete her freshman year at Wheaton College.

After a few years of alternate attacks and remissions, Joan came to the Arthritis Clinic at the Medical Center, still not knowing what had been causing these periodic spasms of pain in her back, arms, hands, legs and feet.

She soon learned it was rheumatoid arthritis, and doctors here outlined a program whereby they hoped to reduce the extent of discomfort and disability threatening her.

### STEP BY STEP

The first step was to reduce Joan's pain so that she could be moved, and move herself, without unendurable suffering. This was accomplished in part through the administration of cortisone (which she continues to take but in reduced dosages). The second step was surgery to "unclench" her hands so that she could regain the use of her fingers. They are now "frozen" in a half-opened fist. Next, doctors wanted to minimize the weight-bearing pressure on her feet by designing special moccasins.

They also encouraged

physical therapy as soon as cortisone had reduced the inflammation of joints and connective tissues to a point where some rehabilitative exercise was possible.

Doctors in the Arthritis Clinic at the Medical Center have been combatting the problem of rheumatoid arthritis since 1928. To help in this work, The National Foundation-March of Dimes has contributed \$105,106 since 1959.

Building a constructive life was complicated, Joan recalled, by a profound depression and sometimes hostility. Senselessly, it seemed, rheumatoid arthritis had wrecked a young woman's life.

### AID TO OTHERS

But at least she was on her feet, not confined to a wheel chair or hospital bed. She was capable of some mobility, and was grateful for that—even though pain was never far away.

Joan began wishing she could find some constructive outlet for her energies. She had intimate experience, during her own treatment, with many kinds of ther-

apy. Armed with this familiarity, she began to study occupational therapy—the teaching of arts and trades as a means of rehabilitation for physically or mentally handicapped patients.

"I was lucky to get a position as an occupational therapist at Fair Oaks Hospital in my home town," Joan relates. "And I soon learned that I understood the attitudes of these patients toward life—their fears and hostilities—because all of us had experienced being handicapped. I am grateful to be able to help others—it's satisfying and helpful to me too."

## In Memoriam

### MARGARET H. McCURDIE

Miss Margaret H. McCurdie, former assistant director of the Vanderbilt Clinic, died July 18 in Harkness Pavilion after a long illness.

Her funeral services were held July 20 in the Universal Chapel, Manhattan, with the Rev. Robert B. Reeves, chaplain of Presbyterian Hospital, officiating.

A 1922 graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, Miss McCurdie was supervisor in the Hospital's operating room from 1923 to 1925 and then was assistant superintendent of hospital administration until 1947 when she was named assistant director of Vanderbilt Clinic. She was retired in 1956.



# ON THE SHELF

NEW BOOKS IN THE MILBANK LIBRARY

## Non-fiction

**The Great Hunger** by Cecil Woodham-Smith. The story of the famine of the 1840's which killed a million Irish peasants and sent hundreds of thousands to the New World.

**Bonaparte in Egypt** by J. Christopher Herold. The French expedition to Egypt which Bonaparte launched in 1798—one of the most exciting adventures in modern times.

**The Complete Guide to House Hunting** by Tyler Stewart Rogers. Complete directions for deciding where to buy a house, what to look for, tips on remodeling, etc.

**The Ordeal of Power** by Emmet John Hughes. This portrait of Eisenhower as man and president is also a study of the varied men and conflicting forces around him.

**The Day They Shook the Plum Tree** by Arthur H. Lewis. A Biography of Hetty Green, who, the author says, was at the time of her death in 1916 the richest and most detested woman in America.

## Fiction

**Possession** by Kamala Markandaya. A young Indian artist is taken over by a self-assured Englishwoman, uprooted, brought to London and introduced to the art world.

**The Port** by Henry Bettle Hough. A group of summer-resort developers are beaten back from a small, lovely New England shore community.

**Inside Daisy Clover** by Gavin Lambert. A first-person narrative of the career of Young Daisy Clover who becomes a "fantabulous" movie star in her teens.

**What's Become of Waring** by Anthony Powell. A humorous novel about the delicate, jealous maneuverings inside an English publishing house.

**Morte D'Urban** by J. F. Powers. A comic novel about the troubles and triumphs of a parish priest in Chicago. Winner of the National Book Award.



## RESEARCH BUILDING LOOMS HIGH

Progress of the 18 story William Black Medical Research Building viewed looking west on 168th Street.

## Neuro's Retiring "Mother Pierce" Will Be N. H. Boys' School Nurse



Miss Pierce receives a farewell from Dr. J. Lawrence Pool and the members of the Neuro staff.

Evelean Pierce is going to St. Paul's School in Concord, N. H. to mother a new brood. "Mother Pierce," as she acknowledges being called by her "boys" in neurosurgery, retired as supervisor of the Neurological Institute Operating Room this month. She will take over her new duties in the infirmary at St. Paul's at the opening of the school year in September.

A born New Englander, her birthplace was Bucksport, Me., she is happy to be returning again to her "native" soil.

"I felt so at home at the School," she said, "even though I only visited there for a few days. The town,

the campus and the staff all seemed to welcome me as an old friend."

One of the pioneers in neurosurgical nursing, Miss Pierce trained with Dr. Harvey Cushing at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, during the last five

years of his life.

She came to the Medical Center for a course in psychiatry, stayed here doing special duty nursing for five years and then was the nurse for a special school for the handicapped, conducted at Neuro.

In 1939 Miss Pierce became night supervisor at Neuro and in 1944 was appointed to nursing duties on Neurosurgery. Leaving this position 19 years later, Miss Pierce proudly displayed a silver-framed picture of the department members engraved with their signatures, which was presented to her as a parting gift.

At a tea in her honor June 25, Dr. Pool presented Miss Pierce with letters from many of the residents who had worked with her, and a "Farewell Fund" contributed by the staff and alumni of Neuro.

## WANTED

Were you photographed while on vacation? Let all your Medical Center friends see you in *Stethoscope*.

Clear, sharp pictures will be accepted in the Public Interest Office, PH4-32.

## Rare Disease Study In N. Y. C. Hospitals Headed by Dr. Davies

A long-term study of rare diseases and rare forms of common diseases has been instituted in New York City's municipal hospitals by Columbia University's School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine.

Health Factors Study, as the research project is known, will attempt to amass detailed medical, residential, occupational, and family histories from hospitalized patients who have medically uncommon forms of diseases, such as cancer and vascular and endocrine disorders.

## COMPUTERS WILL HELP

As a double control measure, similar questions will be asked of one hospital group and a non-hospitalized group from residential areas comparable to those of the patients. When interviewers complete their work, electronic computers will take over.

Fourteen of the city's municipal hospitals, including Francis Delafield and

Bellevue, are cooperating in the study, which is headed locally by Dr. Dean F. Davies, assisted by a staff of 14 in the School of Public Health.

Dr. Davies said he anticipated the study may disclose "patterns or trends in the environmental or hereditary background of a group of persons with a given disease." These trends, he hopes, will give clues as to why persons with certain characteristics or experiences develop a particular disease.

## SUPPORT FROM N.I.H.

Health Factors Study, sponsored by a three-year grant from the National Institutes of Health, is being conducted by the School of Public Health, the School of Hygiene and Public Health of Johns Hopkins University, and the Municipal Hospital System of New York City.

New York City was selected for the study because of the large number of rare forms of common disease that are discovered among the 2,500,000 persons seen annually in the municipal hospitals.





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## Construction, Demolition — Both Mean Progress



*While oldest building topples . . .*

In the foreground, almost completely demolished, is the 70-year-old building that until recently housed our print and maintenance shops. (Story on page 8.) Towering above the ruins is the sturdy steel skeleton of the Medical Center's newest structure, the William Black Medical Research Building.

*A great building rises. When it is completed late next year, it will be the largest medical research building in the nation. (See picture, article at right.)*

*Soon dedicated, well-trained medical scientists will move into the new quarters to continue, with their skills and the most advanced equipment available, the search for new knowledge of the diseases that still plague Man.*

*Meanwhile, two old buildings will fall. (See picture at left, article on page 8.)*



*The newest is topped*

Atop the 20-story William Black Medical Research Building, Mr. Black, left, and General Lucius D. Clay raise the Stars and Stripes during the "topping out" ceremony. Act symbolizes completion of steelwork on the \$15,000,000 structure. In background is the George Washington Bridge.

### *He Was Clinic's 5th Patient*

## D. C. WOMAN NEVER FORGOT CARE SQUIER GAVE HER DAD

Thirty-five years after Patient #5 was released from Squier Urological Clinic, his daughter has expressed, in her will, gratitude for his care and recovery.

Surprised Clinic officials were notified in mid-August

by a bank in Washington, D. C., that a woman who died recently in that city bequeathed the sum of \$300 to the Clinic "in grateful recognition of the care taken of my father . . . in May-August, 1928."

Curiosity sent Miss Elsie Coffin, departmental secretary for 34 years, delving into dusty old patient records.

She found that the patient in question, a Swedish-born 65-year-old unemployed machinist, was suffering from hypertrophy of the prostate when he was admitted to the ward on May 8, 1928, the day after Squier Clinic opened to the public.

His card indicates he was the Clinic's fifth patient. (Squier soon will admit its 60,000th patient.)

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## Volunteers Do It Again

### *Set Yet Another Record*

The Volunteer Department, proving again that records are made to be broken, contributed an unprecedented one-month total of 14,688 hours in July and appears headed for the most remarkable year in its history.

The July mark, established by 409 Volunteers, bettered by 1,813 hours the previous one-month record of 12,875 hours, set last year, also in July, according to Mrs. Marguerite E. Stein, Director of Volunteers.

The department again broke the old one-month record in August, when

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## Research Building "Topped Out" Completion Expected in Late '64

With a recommendation to wealthy persons that they donate their money to good causes while they live, businessman-philanthropist William Black drove a bolt into a steel beam 285 feet above street level Aug. 26 to "top out" the new medical research building that bears his name.

"If I could convey to every rich man the feeling of fulfillment that I'm now experiencing," Mr. Black said, "all worthy charitable drives would be promptly oversubscribed."

Driving of the bolt symbolized completion of the steel skeleton of the 20-story William Black Medical Research Building, largest unit added to the Medical Center since the original group of buildings was opened in 1928.

Containing more than 260,000 square feet of floor space, it is probably the largest building devoted to medical research in the world.

Completion is scheduled, tentatively, for October 1964.

Mr. Black, chairman of

Chock Full O'Nuts Corporation and an alumnus of Columbia University, presented \$5,000,000 to the university Jan. 4, 1960 for the advancement of medical research. It stands as the most generous gift to Columbia by a living person.

Participating with Mr. Black in the traditional "topping out" ceremony were General Lucius D. Clay, chairman of the \$50,000,000 Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Fund Campaign; Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and other Presbyterian Hospi-

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## Deadline for Weinberg Aid Is Sept. 30th

Personnel wishing to further their education through job-related courses have until Sept. 30 to apply for financial assistance under the Sidney J. Weinberg Employees Educational Aid Reimbursement Plan.

The plan, open to all full-time employees who have served the hospital at least six months, reimburses up to half the tuition fee for one to six credits per semester, or the equivalent for non-credit courses pursued at schools of recognized standing. Such courses must be approved in the Personnel office—and satisfactorily completed by the individual.

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### *Facts gleaned from 15,000 pregnancies await interpretation*

## DO MOM'S COLDS, TRAVEL, SMOKING HARM FETUS? FETAL LIFE STUDY DATA MAY PROVIDE THE ANSWERS

Ever since an epidemic of German measles swept Australia in 1940, physicians have known that women who suffer from the disease during pregnancy often produce a deformed baby.

For 20 years after that, however, the actual probabilities of deformity in such cases remained a mystery.

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Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox, Eugene T. Cleary, and George Tanis.

## STETHOSCOPIA

Happy summer brides are *Betsy Biggers*, former secretary in Babies Hospital Unit Manager's office, married Aug. 24 to Daniel O'Neil of Watertown, N. Y. Mr. O'Neil is an account executive with Bache & Company, Rochester, where the couple will make their home.

Barbara Louise Perrell of Freeport, L. I. was married recently to *Frederick Carl Holschuh*, first year classman, P&S; Lee Katherine Ellison was married to *Anthony Maurice Adinolfi*, who is working for a doctorate in the department of Anatomy; Margaret Wells Hyde became the bride of *Herbert Denman Scott*, student at P&S; Shirley Jean Douglas of Westfield, N. J. was wed to *John Malcolm Mackenzie*, P&S student.

*Mary Gormley, R.N.*, will be married to Charles Farrell on September 28; *Mrs. Jeraldine Youngs*, formerly a nurse in Harkness, married James Doyle recently and they are living in Honolulu where the bridegroom is an engineer.

*Nora Sullivan*, clerk in the Record Department, has announced her engagement to Gary Nicholson; *Ann Edwards Hardy*, teacher-director at the Medical Center Nursery School, will wed *Cedric Warren Porter, Jr.*, fourth year medical student at P&S; Ruth Pomerantz is planning to be wed next summer to *Lieutenant Robert Steven Waldbaum*, president of the class of 1963 at P&S; Beth Galanter, daughter of *Mrs. Madeline Galanter*, secretary in the Nursing office at Babies Hospital, will become the bride of Joel Radsken of Middle Village, L. I. next summer. Beth, a student at Hunter College, was a candy-striper at the hospital last summer; *Ada Montagnino*, Patient's Accounts, is engaged to Thomas Smith. They plan to marry in April.

Best wishes to *Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Fishman* on the arrival of a baby girl and to *Dr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Brien* on the birth of a daughter. Mrs. O'Brien is the former *Anne Louise Angelo*, nurse at Neuro.

Everyone's been on vacation!

In the Accounting Department, *Norman L. Peters* and family spent two weeks in Vermont; *Refa Zouzoulas* took a trip by motor through Maryland and Pennsylvania; *Kay Rywalt* visited her son in Denver, Colorado; *Kay Purcell* enjoyed a stay in the Catskills; *Maria Fiducia* sunned and swam at Virginia Beach; *Mary Mullen* visited Quebec; *Catherine Zambjitsky* was at Virginia Beach, too; *Gunnar Wenstrom* took his family on vacation to Rhode Island; *Tom Rowe* was down Mexico way; *Donald Howells* divided his time between mountains and seashore; *Ken Konstalid* motored through upper New York State; *Adrienne Perez* split her vacation between Massachusetts and Montauk Point; *Margaret Burnett* went home to Scotland and spent five weeks visiting with her mother and family; *Jack Faulkner* enjoyed a stay in Provincetown; *Blanche Howley* went home to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to spend time with her family, and *Rose Finkel* spent her vacation touring Cape Cod and Maine. While on vacation she and her husband celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

*Donna Ferris*, Department of Urology, can't get over talking about Hawaii, where she vacationed. *Dolores Ferris*, secretary in the Assistant Dean's office, is still in Acapulco. Her postcards sound like a travel ad.

*Mrs. Margaret Mucilli*, Gene Cleary's secretary, is on vacation with her husband in Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Holland.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

*Dr. Morton Hoberman*, Associate Attending Physician, Physical Medicine, was elected president of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at their August meeting in Dallas, Tex.

*Dr. B. R. Fink*, Associate Attending in Anesthesiology, has left for an eight month stay in France and Monaco to work at the Oceanographic Institute and in Marseilles, on the effect of anesthetics on the simple nervous system. Dr. Fink will experiment on the sea slug, which is available only at these two places.

*Dr. Roger C. Duvoisin*, Assistant Attending Neurologist and Research Assistant in Neurology, is one of four recipients sharing a \$40,000 research fellowship award from the Parkinson Disease Foundation. The foundation was established in 1957 by William Black, still its president.

*Dr. Niels L. Low*, Associate Attending Neurologist, will attend the Pan-American Neurological Congress in Lima, Peru this month.

*Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr.*, Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology, as a consultant to the Population Council, visited Taiwan and Seoul recently. While in Seoul he visited with Dr. Courtland Robinson, formerly a resident here.

*Dr. Taylor, Dr. Henry Clay Frick, II* and *Dr. Anna Southam*

attended the meeting of the American Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology, in Hot Springs, Va. this week.

*Dr. Nuran Turksoy*, Visiting Fellow in Obstetrics and Gynecology, has taken her vacation visiting her family in Turkey.

*Dr. H. Houston Merritt*, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been named chairman of the Doctors' Manhattan-Bronx Hospital Trustees Division of the 84th annual United Hospital Fund Campaign. As chairman, Dr. Merritt will lead about 200 doctors from 34 hospitals in Manhattan and the Bronx in their drive to raise their share of the Fund's \$3,000,000 campaign goal. The money raised will be distributed among the 79 member non-profit voluntary hospitals in proportion to the amount of free and below-cost care they give to the medically needy in 1963.

Participants in the Gordon Research Conference on Medicinal Chemistry at Colby Junior College, New London, New Hampshire, recently were: *Dr. Lester C. Mark*, Associate Attending Anesthesiologist, whose topic was "Uptake and Distribution of General Anesthetics" and *Dr. David Schachter*, Associate Attending Physician, whose topic was "Active Transport of Calcium and Iron in the Small Intestine."

### 8/40 Women Donate Chest Respirator to Hospital



GIFT TO DR. DENNING  
WILL BENEFIT  
CYSTIC FIBROSIS PATIENTS

*Dr. Carol R. Denning*, assistant pediatrician, receives a check to purchase an Emerson Chest Respirator for Cystic Fibrosis patients, a gift from the child welfare committee of the 8/40 Departmentale de New York. From left, *Mrs. Nat Rogers*, past Chapeau of the 8/40; *Dr. Denning*, *Mrs. Ralph H. Jones*, child welfare chairman.

*Margaret Day*, maid in Neuro, is spending September in New Mexico, visiting her son.

*Ruth Boerner*, nursing aide, has just returned from a trip to Germany; *Mrs. Gertrude Barnett*, secretary in the Nursing Office, cruised the Caribbean; *Miss Catherine MacLean* and *Mrs. Gladys Ackerman*, Nursing Office, visited the Jersey shore and *Mrs. Hannah Craven* went "home" to Ireland.

At the Mary Harkness Unit vacationers are:

*Dr. John Beaty*, who is at Lake George; *Mrs. Harriet Ryan*, visiting Niagara Falls; *Mrs. Helen Smith* sojourning in the Adirondacks; *Mrs. Susan Millman*, taking in the Tanglewood Festival in the Berkshires.

Soon to go on vacation are *Gladys Barrett*, *Dorothy Pryor* and *Jean Carey*, who will cruise to Bermuda, Montego Bay and Nassau; *Anne Denmark*, who will collect seashells at Sanibel Island; *Margaret Larkin*, who will visit in Pittsburgh; *Anna Lier*, who will go to Toronto, and *Ollie Hill*, whose vacation will be spent in North Carolina and Silver Springs, Fla.

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## Research Building Is Topped Out

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tal and Columbia University dignitaries .

### PARKINSON RESEARCH

The building, which will cost \$15,000,000, will contain an area especially endowed by Mr. Black for research on Parkinson's Disease. These facilities will include a Brain Bank, plus several electron microscope rooms.

Another of the activities to be included in the new building will be that of the recently endowed Henry and Lucy Moses Chair in Neurology, for which Mrs. Henry L. Moses, widow of the New York banker and lawyer, has donated \$500,000. The first incumbent of the Chair is Dean Merritt.

Groundbreaking for the new building began with a ceremony on Feb. 5, 1962. It has been reported by Columbia officials that excavation for the building involved the removal of 400,000 cubic feet of solid rock. Almost 6,500,000 pounds of steel went into the steelwork, or skeleton.

The William Black Medical Research Building is the second structure to rise as part of the Medical Center's current development program. The new Service Building, which houses many non-medical services, has been in full operation since last year.

### OTHER PROJECTS

Modernization of Babies Hospital, another project of the development program, has just begun. There will be a new P&S Alumni Auditorium, a medical library, a residence for married medical students, a doctors' office building, and extensive renovation projects at P&S and Presbyterian Hospital. In addition, money is being sought for endowment.

Under the leadership of General Clay, some \$31,000,000 has already been pledged to the Development Fund Campaign. This success is a tribute not only to the General, but also to Fredrick M. Eaton, co-chairman; Augustus C. Long, William S. Paley, Mrs. B. Ronda Braga, and many others.

The Medical Center Family of trustees, doctors, alumni of P&S, and the Nurses Alumnae, has contributed approximately \$2,750,000. This total includes gifts from almost 100% of the staff and em-

## DO MOM'S COLDS, TRAVEL, SMOKING HARM THE FETUS? FETAL LIFE STUDY DATA MAY HOLD THE ANSWERS

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Then in 1960 the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center's Fetal Life Study, which has been accumulating data on expectant mothers and their offspring since 1946, produced tables that resulted in greater understanding of the problem.

The tables, based on a review of available literature and data obtained from 25 cases in the study, indicated that the probability of a deformity in a liveborn child was 47 in 100 if German measles occurred in the first month of pregnancy, 22 in 100 if it occurred during the second month, dropping sharply to 7 in 100 the third month and 6 in 100 during the fourth. After this, the tables indicated, the incidence was no higher than that in the general population.

Compilation of such statistics are possible through the study because of the potentially vast wealth of information it has gained from women registering in the Medical Center's Ante Partum (pre-birth) Clinic.

Celebrating its 17th birthday Oct. 1, the Fetal Life Study has amassed and sorted clinical data on more than 15,000 pregnancies, two thirds of them followed from the pre-natal stage until a year after birth.

While still in its infancy, the study gave a good indication of what it might ultimately accomplish.

### SMALL POX SCARE OF '47

During the spring of 1947 a smallpox scare hit New York City. Many physicians, fearing possible ill effects upon unborn babies, hesitated recommending vaccinations for their pregnant patients.

During the mass smallpox vaccination that ensued, however, the Fetal Life Study collected evidence based on almost 900 cases that indicated vaccination during pregnancy does not increase the incident of congenital malformations, stillbirths, abortions or infant mortality.

Fetal Life Study has furnished the grist for many other medical reports, but so extensive is the hoard of information gleaned over the years that much of it still has not been interpreted.

"At present," said Dr. Gilbert W. Mellin, Study

Director, "our potential still exceeds our production, but the fruits of our labor are ready for harvest."

Dr. Mellin believes that the data already available, once it is analyzed, will furnish statistics enabling physicians to better predict a woman's chances of bearing a normal, healthy baby.

The Fetal Life Study was one of the first endeavors in this field to gather data directly through observation and questioning of the patient, rather than through secondhand reports.

Original tabulations and analysis were made by hand, but as the volume of data increased, mechanical tabulation became a necessity.

IBM cards came into use in 1955, bringing added speed and efficiency to the work of data storage and analysis, but they too are proving inadequate to the huge task, and Dr. Mellin and his associates are now exploring the advantages of magnetic tape.

To accelerate analysis of the data, Dr. Mellin is mak-



Dr. Gilbert W. Mellin, Fetal Life Study Director, and Statistician Ruth Brooks check IBM cards from files that contain data on more than 15,000 pregnancies. This data, gathered since 1946 among expectant mothers in the Medical Center's Ante Partum Clinic, is to be fed to electronic computers for analysis.

ing use of the high speed electronic computer at the new Columbia University Computer Center.

### A LIGHT IN THE SHADOWS

By feeding the machines data already collected, he and his associates hope to focus new light on areas where medical knowledge remains cloaked in lingering shadows.

Specifically, he intends to determine effects on the baby, if any, of colds or similar infections that attack a mother during pregnancy.

Information concerning a mother's smoking habits and travel experiences also will be analyzed for the effect on the baby. Plans to study the effect of the mother's age, weight and previous pregnancy history in relation to the present pregnancy are being developed.

"Once the computers are regularly analyzing new data as it is gathered, the study will work as an early warning system that will alert us to new trends in birth defects," Dr. Mellin indicated.

Hopefully, he adds, such rapid analysis of data would furnish clues to dangers in time to prevent a widespread tragedy, such as that occasioned recently by the drug thalidomide.

"In the past," said Dr. Mellin, "the alert clinician has been our most sensitive warning system. Such was the case both with thalido-

mid and German measles. But a large, continuing clinical study, such as the Fetal Life Study, gathers in a relatively short time, with the aid of computer analysis, certain clinical information which no one clinician could experience in a lifetime."

### ALREADY MONITORS DRUGS

Dr. Mellin explained that the Fetal Life Study has been monitoring all prescription drugs, and their effects on the fetus since 1953. Late last year the New England Journal of Medicine published his article, "The Saga of Thalidomide," reviewing the natural history of this tragedy and presenting illustrative cases seen at the Medical Center.

The Fetal Life Study owes its existence to Dr. Rustin McIntosh, former head of the Medical Center's Babies Hospital. Its first director was Dr. Katharine K. Merritt, who, although retired since 1953, retains a vital interest in the work.

After various physicians headed the study project for short periods, Dr. Mellin assumed leadership in 1955, having come to the Medical Center from the National Institutes of Health Laboratory of Clinical Investigation, Section on Epidemiology. His present assistant is Dr. Michael Katzenstein, Assistant in Pediatrics.

Other members of the



STEEL-DRIVING MEN

Teaming up to drive the final bolt in place atop the William Black Medical Research Building are, from left, Mr. Black, Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Gen. Lucius Clay.

ployees. Members of the Women's Auxiliaries have personally contributed and raised \$1,904,000 to date.



# CONFESSIONS OF A SCUBA DIVER

## Medical Artist Seeks Adventure Where the Shark and Sting Ray Play

Robert J. Demarest's proudest possession, obtained professionally, is the American Medical Association award for the best medical art in a scientific exhibit at the 1963 convention.

His proudest possession obtained in pursuit of his avocation—SCUBA diving—is a bean-pot colored ceramic bottle, scooped from the bottom of Lake George and dated by a museum curator circa 1800.

The Glen Rock, N. J., resident does his medical art in the Department of Anatomy at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. In addition, he is known at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center through the posters he draws for the Christmas Window Decorating Contest, and his sketches on the catalog and invitations for the annual Art Exhibit.

As a SCUBA diver, Bob has been known only among his peers the "Aquasplorers," 14 strong, whose headquarters is the Ridgewood, N. J., YMCA.

"SCUBA diving is something akin to an incurable disease," Bob admits.

(SCUBA, if you're wondering, means Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus.)

"We do a lot of wreck-diving (exploring some of the estimated thousand ships sunk off the New Jersey coast) on weekends during the summer."

"We know we're not about to find casks filled with pieces of eight," he acknowledged.

"It's just an exhilarating experience, sort of like sky diving. We come up with all sorts of junk—anchors, silverware, belt buckles. Most of the stuff, if you saw it in a vacant lot, you'd simply kick out of the way. But find it on a wrecked ship at the bottom of the ocean and it becomes a prized possession!"

"The oldest wreck we've found is the 'Manasquan Wreck,' which probably went down around 1810. We don't know the ship's name, but it was an old British merchant vessel. We opened barrels on board containing straight razors, pen knives, silverware and so forth. The knives bear the brand name 'Wilkinson,' a British company still in business."

### BUGS LIVE ON WRECKS

Wreck divers very often enjoy lobster broils, since lobsters like to nest on wrecked ships. Divers explain that the flags put out by lobster fishermen indicating underwater lobster pots are signs that there might be a wreck nearby. The SCUBA diver doesn't call a lobster a lobster. They are "bugs" and the quest for them is "bugging."

"Bugs" are far from being the most ominous underwater creatures these divers contend with when they plunge to 80-foot depths four to eight miles

out in the shipping lanes. There are sharks, sting rays, jelly fish, angler fish, sea turtles and eels.

### TURTLE IN THE LINE

In discussing the creatures who inhabit these wrecked ships, Bob recalled having freed a 75-pound turtle entangled in fishing line.

"In the old days, fishing line used to disintegrate, but the synthetic fibers they're made with today don't, and they get all tangled around these wrecks.

"Usually, a diver carries a knife, a powerful light and some weapon for protection. I have a wrecking bar, to use on the wrecks, and for protection.

"Fortunately, I've never had to use the wrecking bar for protection in four years of diving. Once I did find a shark on a wreck. Needless to say, I didn't disturb him. Another time, I had surfaced and while swimming back to the boat was followed by a shark, but he just swam right by me.

### A STINGING SENSATION

"We don't do any spear fishing in July and August, because that's when most sharks are seen and we don't want them to be attracted by a wounded fish. We also avoid the sting ray, which has a long, whip-like tail with a barbed stinger that can give you a severe wound. The jelly fish bother us a little too. You aren't really aware of them until they wrap their long streamers around any exposed area of your body, like your face. They feed through these streamers which seem to be lined with stinging cells. Under 80 feet of water, you're sort of anesthetized by the cold, so when you pull off these streamers, you don't feel

anything. But when you surface the stinging sensation becomes very painful."

### SWIMMING IN BLACKNESS

"Incidentally, one of the first fears for the new diver to overcome is the complete pitch blackness at about 50 feet underwater. On an 80-foot dive, you have to force yourself to head down the extra 20 feet until light reflected from the ocean's floor enables you to see again.

"Aside from always div-

ing with a buddy, the most important safety measure in SCUBA diving," Bob pointed out, "is proper breathing."

"Your air tank fills your lungs with compressed air to compensate for the pressure which, at 80 feet, is almost four times normal atmospheric pressure. You have to inhale more than you would normally.

"When the air in your tank is gone, there is a valve-controlled auxiliary supply with enough com-

pressed air to surface. Once we were diving at 80 feet, a depth you can stand for 38 minutes. After this, you need to come up for a 24-hour break, and besides it's too cold to stay longer. When I saw that my air tank was empty and reached for the auxiliary valve, I found it open. My buddy forgot to check out my breathing apparatus—an important rule of safe SCUBA diving—and there was no air left.

### EXHALE OR BURST

"I shoved myself upward and started to exhale. I knew I'd have to exhale all the way to the top. The compressed air in my lungs expanded as I rose because the water pressure outside was decreasing. If I didn't exhale my lungs would burst. There was an unusual sensation of continuous exhaling made possible by the constant expansion of the air in my lungs. Obviously, I was relieved when I reached the surface intact."

Bob explained that when a diver gets down to about 45 feet, his next plunge feels like turning off the hot water in the middle of a warm shower. The water temperature changes from 65 to about 49 degrees. The rubber suit he wears gives some protection from this cold.

Conditions are somewhat more favorable, although not as exciting, in lake waters. New divers practice at Lake George where ocean hazards are avoided, the water is clear, and interest is whetted by many artifacts of Revolutionary days.

### TRAIN NEW DIVERS

The Aquasplorers meet from 8:30 to 10:30 Monday nights at the Ridgewood "Y", and each September inaugurate a 12-week training program for new divers. The minimum age for membership is 21.

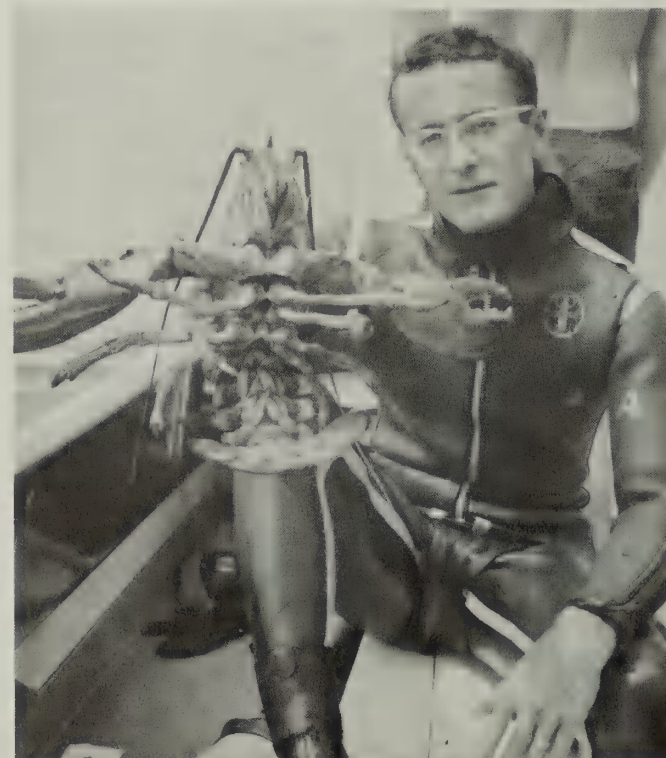
In addition to the annual club outing, a family trip to Lake George or Lake Champlain the weekend after Labor Day, Bob's underwater interest has led his family on a trip to the Caribbean and various places in the United States they would not have visited otherwise. Alice, his wife, is a part time and not too interested diver and their children, Robert, 11, Stephen, 9, and Nancy, 7, are still a little young.

## THIS IS BOB DEMAREST



Medical Artist . . .

## And SCUBA Diver



BOB DRAWS LOBSTERS (he calls 'em "bugs") from the deep gingerly, and usually with his left hand. A right-handed artist, he says, can ill afford a handshake with a creature whose powerful claws can inflict bruises lasting three weeks.



# ON THE SHELF

## New Books in Milbank Library

### NON-FICTION

**Terrible Swift Sword** by Bruce Catton. This second volume in a Civil War series begins after the battle of Bull Run in 1861 and ends when General McClellan is relieved of his command in 1862.

**Fortune's Guide to Personal Investing** by Fortune Magazine. Expert information about stocks, bonds, mutual funds, savings and loan banks and other things the investor should know.

**The Cuban Dilemma** by R. Hart Phillips. An eyewitness account of what really happened in Cuba after Fidel Castro seized power.

**The Fall of the Dynasties** by Edmond Taylor. The collapse of the four dynasties (Hapsburg, Hohenzollern Ottoman and Romanov) which dominated much of civilization before the first World War.

### FICTION

**After the Banquet** by Yukio Mishima. A novel which dramatizes the classical conflict between puritan and hedonist against the background of Tokyo's sophisticated night life.

**Joy in the Morning** by Betty Smith. The author of "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" writes about the problems of a young married couple living in a Mid-Western college town.

**Summer Doctor** by Charles H. Knickerbocker. A young doctor is faced with almost primitive prejudices against medicine when he goes to a Maine island.

**The Gift** by Vladimir Nabokov. A Russian writer in Berlin writes a biography recalling life with his father.

## BOWLERS ROLL FRIDAY

### League Under ABC Sanction For 1st Time

### Black Friday: Bad Day For Bowlers?

The Medical Center Bowling League, set to open its season at 6:30 p.m. this Friday, will operate this year for the first time under the official sanction of the American Bowling Congress.

League President Dave MacDonnell said he hopes for 16 teams of four keggers each, plus alternates. The season will run for 30 to 32 weeks and matches will be Friday nights at Stadium Lanes, opposite Yankee Stadium in the Bronx.

Men and women employees of the Medical Center who wish to register should contact Dave this week at Extension 2524.

Last year's champions were the Pin Shakers, a team made up of Bill Lee, Cornelius Alvarado, Benny Wanamaker, and Mrs. Eleanor Freyer.

Top bowlers were Anita MacDonnell, with a 132 average, and Richard Salvatore, League secretary-treasurer, who had a 171 average.

Some bowlers may feel a bit uneasy about starting a new season on Friday the 13th, because bowlers are of a breed that seems to believe in mysterious forces.

Good examples of this superstitious faith can be witnessed at any time at any bowling alley.

A bowler releases the ball. While it is half-way down the lane, he frantically twists his body, apparently hoping by some mystical remote control to guide the ball right into the pocket for a strike.

Others talk to the ball, shouting signals if it appears to head off course. Some bowlers, as ball approaches pins, make a smashing motion with their fist, as if to clear the lane with a punch.

The sight of such strange doings occasionally leaves non-bowlers shaking their heads.

But sometimes the weird body contortions, shouts, and punches work their magic. Rather makes you wonder . . .

## 4 retiring; 3 will travel, 1 will fish



RILEY GOLDEN

Riley Golden, retiring after 9½ years as night watch engineer, wishes he were younger so he could "stay around and watch all the interesting things going on at the Medical Center."

Mr. Golden, born of Irish parents in Texas and educated in Philadelphia, is particularly interested in the ultra-modern refrigeration units being installed in the new Black Medical Research Building.

"They're the latest units of their kind around," he explained. "They're so interesting that I'm going to come back and learn more about them, even after I leave."

A marine and stationary engineer since he was 21, he served in the U. S. Navy during World War I, later in the Merchant Marine, and, during World War II, as a test engineer at the huge Kearny, N. J., Shipyards.

Since he began at the Medical Center in May, 1954, he has been watch engineer on the midnight to 8 a.m. shift, "watching" over the many boilers, air conditioning units, and other such essential equipment during the crucial night hours.

Mr. Golden resides in River Edge, N. J. with his wife and sons, Robert, 26, and Andrew, 13.

In retirement, he's going fishing.

### JAMES WHITTEY

James Whittey, who has been responsible for the carefully groomed appearance of the Medical Center's lawns, hedges and other shrubbery, was retired on Sept. 1.

A native of County Wexford, Ireland, he began here as a porter in Feb. 1935 and later took care of the old clay tennis courts that stood on the site of the Service Building.



James Whittey

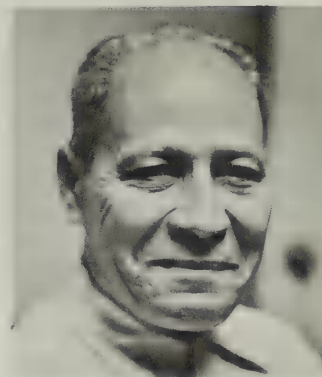
Mr. Whittey lives in Brooklyn and is a widower. He said he is "thinking about" a trip back to Ireland next summer.

### ISIDRO GOMEZ

The man who takes care of the Presbyterian Hospital incinerator, Isidro Gomez, is retiring after 12 years' service.

A native of Cuba, he was a porter and handyman, then worked in the hospital's old ice plant before assuming his present position nine years ago.

For a number of years,



Isidro Gomez

Mr. Gomez was in the cigar business, first as a tobacco buyer in Cuba, then as a cigarmaker in Tampa, Fla. In an average day he could turn out as many as 500 cigars, he said, and he still prefers to make the cigars he smokes himself.

He is looking forward to a visit with his sisters and brothers still in Cuba.

### ROSE FINKLE

Mrs. Rose Finkle, it seems, is a woman who enjoys her work. Although retiring after 11½ years as a transcriber in the Collection Department, she plans to return to the office one day a week as a Volunteer.

"I like the job and I don't want to lose contact with my hospital friends, so I decided to volunteer," Mrs. Finkle explained.

She admitted though that she will welcome a break



Rose Finkle

from daily subway commuting. Traveling to and from her home in Woodhaven, Queens, took about three hours of her time each day.

Mrs. Finkle, a native of Brooklyn, is already familiar with the Volunteer Department. For about two years during World War II she did voluntary work in Sterile Supply.

In retirement, she may be doing some traveling. Her husband Irving is an engineer whose work, she said, "takes him all over the world—except New York City." If he has to make an extended trip, Mrs. Finkle plans to go along.

## Free Oral Polio Vaccine Offered Again on Sept. 24

The second dose of free oral polio vaccine will be given to staff, personnel and students of the hospital and college on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

The vaccine will be available from 8 to 10 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. that day in the doctors' dining room, first floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. John M. Baldwin, Jr., physician in charge of the program, encourages personnel who missed the first dose to take advantage of the free vaccine this time. He also urges those who received the first dose to take a second one now.

The vaccine will be made available for the last time on Nov. 26.

Dr. Baldwin said 1,500 doses of the vaccine were given to Medical Center personnel on July 30, the first time it was offered.



## TIES UNPUBLICIZED BUT CLOSE BETWEEN MEDICAL CENTER & AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

The presence at the Medical Center of several graduates of the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, is an indication of the strong, but little-publicized ties that exist between the two institutions.

At present, at least six doctors who received their medical degree at American University (AUB) are here, a former attending surgeon at Presbyterian Hospital is dean of the AUB Medical School, and at least 50 Medical Center physicians, nurses and other personnel have visited and instructed at AUB over the years.

American University of Beirut, referred to by a national magazine recently as "our best investment in the Arab world," is not officially affiliated with any U. S. institution. Founded by American Congregational and Presbyterian missionaries, it imposes no religious restrictions on non-Christians. It is regarded highly throughout the Middle East because it teaches students how to think, not what to think.

First called Syrian Protestant College, AUB admitted its first students in the fall of 1866. A year later, the School of Medicine opened its doors.

### BORN IN BEIRUT

It is not known when the first person affiliated with the College of Physicians and Surgeons or Presbyterian Hospital went to Lebanon to teach at AUB. But a man who was to receive his M.D. from P&S and to intern at P.H. was born in 1898 in Beirut, where his father was a member of the AUB medical faculty.

He is Dr. J. Leonard Moore, graduated from

P&S in 1925 and an intern in surgery for the next two years at P.H. He taught at AUB for 12 years, then was a pediatrician at P.H. until 1952.

Dr. Harry G. Dorman, a P&S graduate, was on the medical faculty of AUB from 1903 to 1941. He was one of three physicians who founded the University Hospital in Beirut in 1905, and he served as dean of the Medical Faculty from 1920 to 1924.

Dr. Allen O. Whipple, born of missionary parents in Iran, was a trustee of AUB for a number of years while director of surgery at the Medical Center. After his retirement here in 1946, he spent a semester at AUB as visiting professor of surgery and made subsequent visits in 1955 and 1959.

### FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE

His influence helped attract many other Medical Center personnel to Beirut. It is reported that his recent death was deeply felt by his many friends at AUB.

In the fall of 1946 three Medical Center physicians

cal Center as attending surgeon before going back to Beirut in 1953 as dean of the medical faculty. Since 1962 he has been Dean of the School of Medicine.

### HEADED DEPARTMENTS

Dr. Neal J. Conan, Jr., now an assistant physician here, served AUB as chairman of the Department of Medicine from 1949 to 1952 and was instrumental in starting the Annual Middle East Medical Assemblies.

Other Medical Center physicians who spent extended periods teaching in Beirut include Dr. Susan W. Williamson, chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 1955-60, and Dr. Richard W. Patterson, chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology, 1956-59.

Dr. Calvin H. Plimpton, now president of Amherst College, was chairman of the AUB Department of Medicine, 1957-59. In 1961 he was elected an AUB trustee.

Another member of the AUB Board of Trustees is Dr. Yale Kneeland, Jr. He has served the University

**OUR THANKS** to Dr. Hamilton Southworth and Dean Joseph McDonald who compiled the list of Medical Center physicians and personnel who have been affiliated with AUB. If a name has been omitted, the oversight is sincerely regretted.

went to Beirut to join the medical faculty.

Dr. William J. Pyles, now on the medical faculty of P&S, was assistant professor of medicine until 1949. Dr. Edith Sproul was professor of pathology until 1949, then returned as visiting professor during the spring of 1956.

Dr. Joseph J. McDonald, resident in surgery, then plastic surgery at P.H. from 1941 through 1945, was chairman of the Department of Surgery at AUB from 1946 through 1950. He then returned to the Medi-

in that capacity for the past decade and visited Beirut for a trustees' meeting in 1959.

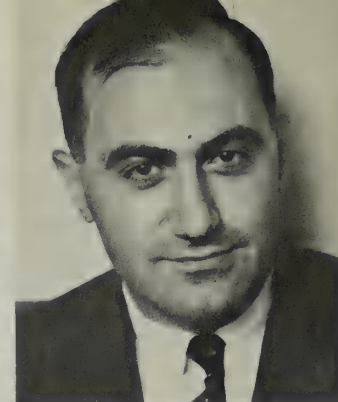
Many Medical Center physicians have visited AUB for periods of a few days to a few months, usually as visiting professors or lecturers. These include Drs. George H. Humphreys II, Cushman Haagensen, Jerome P. Webster, Franklin M. Hanger, Hamilton Southworth, Robert B. Hiatt, Ruth Harris, George A. Perera, George W. Fish, George Cahill, Harry B. van Dyke, John J. Conley, Frederic P. Herter, Clement C. Clay, David B. Moore, Richard B. Stark, and Elinor Downs.

### BEGIN NUTRITION PROGRAM

Drs. Henry Sebrell and Elmer Severinghaus of Columbia's Institute of Nutrition Sciences established a joint Columbia-AUB nutrition research and training program in 1961. They have often visited Beirut in connection with this project and it is still flourishing.



Dr. Shivaji B. Bhonslay



Dr. Henry A. Azar



Dr. Dajani



Dr. Faris



Dr. M. Nassar

## AUB Alumni at Medical Center

Holders of M.D. degrees from the American University of Beirut who are now affiliated with the Medical Center include Dr. Shivaji B. Bhonslay, assistant attending surgeon and instructor in surgery; Dr. Henry A. Azar of Delafield Hospital, assistant professor of pathology; Dr. Taher Dajani, resident in surgical pathology; Dr. Amin Faris, visiting fellow in neuropathology; Dr. Munir Nassar, visiting fellow in Cardiopulmonary Laboratory, and Dr. Sami Nassar, resident in neurosurgery. Dr. Sami Hashim, who received a master of science degree in histology from AUB before earning an M.D. in this country, is an adjunct assistant professor of nutrition at P&S.

Many nurses trained at the Medical Center have also worked at AUB, including Rena Myers, nurse-anesthetist there from 1936 to 1960. Other nurses include Wilma Faith Stevens, hospital supervisor, 1934-39; Ruth Ann Leader, di-

rector of nursing education, 1936-40; Mrs. Esther Olver Sabri, surgical supervisor and educational director of nursing school, 1947-54; Ruth Guinter Jurji, surgical supervisor, 1949-51; Mrs. Alice Bliss Smith, 1920-21; Marjorie Flater, 1939-40; Marlette Conde, 1936-37, and Mrs. Edna Higgins Khoury. Camilla De La Mater, Harkness Pavilion private duty nurse, accompanied a patient to Beirut in 1956, and remained at the University Hospital for several weeks.

Three P&S medical students spent elective clerkships at University Hospital: Richard and Ann Pierson, spring 1955, and John Nobel, Jr., summer 1962.

Other personnel who have visited Beirut include Miss Jan Earl, blood bank technician there, 1949-51, and Miss Dorothy Kurtz of the Record Room, winter of 1957.

Some Medical Center personnel not known to have visited Beirut have nevertheless done much to foster good relations between the two institutions. These include Drs. Willard C. Rappleye, H. Houston Merritt, Robert F. Loeb and Howard C. Taylor, Jr., and Assistant Dean Emeritus Aura Severinghaus.

## In Memoriam

### AGNES (LAING) PRATT

Mrs. Charles Pratt who, as Miss Agnes Laing, was in charge of the Arrietta Crane Reed Convalescent Home for many years, died recently in Florida. The Home, located in Brewster, N. Y., is sometimes used to aid the convalescence of Neurological Institute patients. A graduate nurse at N.I. when it was located in downtown Manhattan, Mrs. Pratt was married in the late 1930's. Her husband died many years ago.

### PAULINE IMMERMANN

Mrs. Pauline Immerman, 76, a member of the Volunteer Department since 1952, died Aug. 14 in Yonkers. A charming and capable woman, she served as an aid in the Urology Clinic of Vanderbilt Clinic and had contributed almost 2,000 hours of service. She was the widow of theatrical producer George Immerman.

A view of part of the AUB campus, seen from athletic field. Picture taken by Dr. Susan Williamson, who was chairman of the AUB medical school's department of obstetrics and gynecology, 1955-60.





## \$25,000 Proceeds From Annual Society Ball Awarded to P&S Department of Physiology

The \$25,000 proceeds from the annual Hearts and Diamonds Ball, held in April at the St. Regis Roof, have been awarded to the Department of Physiology of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to assist it in developing new research programs in cardiovascular and respiratory physiology.

The award was presented to the director of the Physiology Department, Dr. John V. Taggart, by the Heart and Lung Foundation, which sponsors the ball each year. It is a non-profit membership corporation engaged in raising funds and making grants for research in the field of heart and lung diseases.

Dr. Taggart said the funds will be used in part toward establishing a laboratory for Dr. Arnold M. Katz, who will undertake a long-term program at P&S on the contractile proteins of normal and failing hearts.

Dr. Katz will join the De-



Dr. John V. Taggart

partment of Physiology in February as an assistant professor. He received his medical training at Harvard and the Massachusetts General Hospital, and has been a research fellow at National Institutes of Health with Dr. Christian Anfinsen and at U.C.L.A.

with Dr. Wilfried Mommaerts.

Medical Center physicians who received the Heart and Lung Foundation grants previously are Dr. Stanley E. Bradley, 1959, and Dr. Dickinson W. Richards, 1961.

### Academic Latitudes Proving Beneficial To P&S Students

Student participation in elective and research opportunities at the College of Physicians and Surgeons established new records in the academic year 1962-63, according to Dean H. Hous-ton Merritt.

More than 130 students participated in this unique and highly successful portion of the curriculum, primarily, he explained, because of its latitude, freedom of choice, and the fact that varying periods of time may be utilized at different points during the four years of medical education.

During the past academic year four students spent an entire year engaged in post-sophomore research fellowships, one in Switzerland, another in Sweden and two in different American universities.

#### SOME WENT ABROAD

Twenty engaged in supervised research or as hospital assistants in other countries, including England, Panama, Bolivia, Germany, Israel, Italy, Surinam, Nigeria and Liberia.

Research, ranging from studies on narcotic and alcohol addiction to fundamental work on the intracellular mechanisms which carry the "codes" for transmission of genetic information, led to publication in many instances.

According to Dean Merritt, the program was started on a smaller scale more than 10 years ago by Associate Dean Emeritus Aura E. Severinghaus and is now carried on by Associate Dean George A. Perera.

"This program has had far-reaching educational values," Dean Merritt said, "not only from the standpoint of the contribution made by students to new knowledge, but also in the development in students of skills necessary for the practice of medicine and the care of patients."

## He Feared Flag Wasn't Noticed Until One Cold Winter Morn...

There was a time when Woodrow Scott thought people don't pay much attention to the flag he runs up each weekday morning at the highest point of Presbyterian Hospital.

He changed his mind though one blustering winter morning when, hurrying to get out of the chilling wind that was sweeping across the Hudson, he hastily raised the Stars and Stripes upside down.

"Before I even tied the rope in place, the switch-board had received three calls from Jersey people," he laughed.

#### FLAG IS UP AT 7

Woodrow Scott has been the Hospital's flag raiser for about 12 years now. At this time of year, with the sun up so early, raising the

flag is his first duty when he starts work at 7 a.m.

The rest of the day he's the only permanent window washer on the Hospital payroll.

To raise the flag, he takes the main Presbyterian elevator all the way to the 22nd floor, then walks three flights up circular metal stairs to the roof.

In the summertime, he says, it's "a nice job." But in the winter, the winds nip his ears and chill his hands. "Sometimes the snaps that hold the flag are frozen and I use my lighter to loosen them. If there's freezing rain, the pulleys freeze and the flag doesn't get up at all."

#### BEGAN AS PORTER

Born on Johns Island, just south of Charleston, S. C., he came to New York in the summer of 1947 and became an employee of the Hospital a couple months later. After four years as a porter, he switched to window washing and flag raising.

Woodrow, married and the father of sons Woodrow Jr., 20, and Leon, 22, a U. S. Marine stationed in Paris, France, is responsible for keeping the hundreds of windows in Harkness Pavilion clean.

He also washes windows in other areas of Presbyterian Hospital if he's asked, but normally the job is done by an outside company that has the contract.



WOODROW SCOTT

He remembers a chilly morning

### PATIENT No. 5

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A little more research revealed that Patient #5 was operated on by Dr. George W. Fish, now emeritus professor of urology and consultant in urology at the Medical Center. Pathologist on the case was Dr. Meyer M. Melicow, now emeritus "Given" professor of uropathology.

Apparently patient #5 recovered well from his surgery. His medical history states he refused to go to a rest home. He left the hospital and found a new job for himself.

#### TIMID NO LONGER

Asked whether he ever experiences fear while perched on a window ledge a couple hundred feet in the air, he admitted to feeling "a little timid" when he first started.

"But not now," he added, patting his sturdy safety belt. "There's no danger if this is hooked right. The more windows you wash, the more you want to."

What's his "secret" for clean windows?

"No secret," he said. "Just a little ammonia and warm water. That leaves windows sparkling."

## STETHOSCOPIA

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Arlene Green and Rosasetta Boddie, Infant Technicians in Sloane Nursery, spent their vacations in Europe; Joyce Tyson and Joan Williams, Infant Technicians in Pediatrics in Vanderbilt Clinic, visited Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. Ellen Ryan, in Obstetrics, is on a six week trip with the Hibernians. She plans to visit Limerick, London, Paris, Brussels, the French Riviera, Switzerland and Bavaria.

Convalescing at Mary Harkness Unit is Rosalie Brisbon, PH Food Service. And a lovely spot it is, particularly at this season.

Condolences to Mrs. Anne Fado, Mary Harkness, on the death of her father. Welcome to Mrs. Virginia Husmann, secretary to Miss Elizabeth Callahan.

Promotions in the Nursing Department are Mary Miskimon to senior supervisor, Neuro Operating Room; Nancy Springer to night supervisor, Babies Hospital; Ellen Gubler to supervisor, Harkness Pavilion.

Wilma Jane Housley, to head nurse in Neurosurgery; Eleanor Friedmann to head nurse on Neuro 7; Sarah L. Sheets to night head nurse in Pediatrics; Trudie Beth Haddon to head nurse, Harkness Pavilion; Sheila Marcia Spelman to head nurse, Sloane Clinic; Agatha Lynch, head nurse Harkness Pavilion; Susan Healy, head nurse in Medicine 9 East; Maria Marone and Rebecca Perkovich to head nurses Vanderbilt Clinic; Mary Lyon to head nurse IOPH; Barbara Ridzon, Kathryn Piper and Dorothy Messeka to head nurses PH Operating Room.

Susan Dufort to assistant head nurse, Babies Hospital; Mary Ann Brandl to instrument nurse in Operating Room. Mrs. Sue Cunningham, formerly an Instructor in the Nursing School, is now an Administrative Assistant in the Nursing Office.

Rosina Thomas, Supervisor in Sloane Clinic, will enter Seton Hall College of Medicine as a pre-med student on September 9.

Did you know that the girl in the speedwriting ad currently on the subway circuit is Susan O'Shea in Medical Information?

Thirty-five children were sent to summer camp this year through the Seizure Clinic under the auspices of the Big E.



## S. Property Was Site Of School For Deaf

The section of Medical Center land that is commonly called South Property was purchased for Presbyterian Hospital in 1937 by Edward S. Harkness, the Medical Center's greatest benefactor.

It has been reported that Mr. Harkness paid \$1,500,000 for the 7½ acres, which formerly belonged to the old New York School for the Deaf. He presented the property to the hospital anonymously, for future expansion.

### DEAF PUPILS HAD A BAND

Some persons who were at the Medical Center when the School for the Deaf was operating remember that the pupils had a band, whose members wore colorful uniforms and marched as they played.

Because the youngsters were deaf, their music, it is said, was not always a symphony; but they evidently enjoyed their playing and marching and they performed with great enthusiasm.

Late in 1940 the hospital deeded the southerly 2½ acres of South Property to the City of New York as a site for the present Francis Delafield Hospital.

## Weinberg Aid

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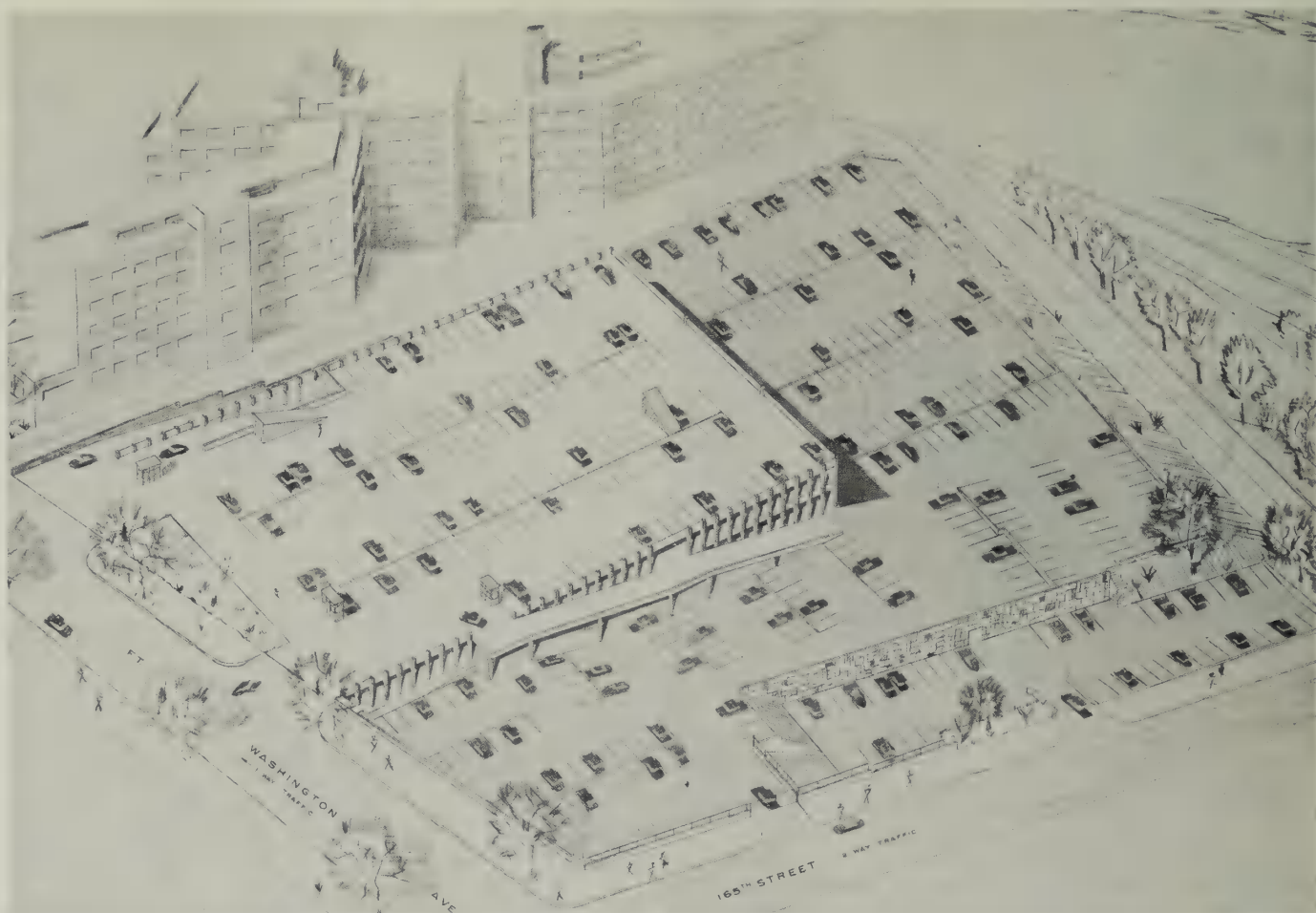
Applications for Weinberg aid must be received in the personnel office no later than Monday, Sept. 30. Forms may be obtained through department supervisors and additional information on the plan is available from Miss Lillian Oring, telephone extension 2331.

### 65 REQUESTS APPROVED

The educational aid plan owes its existence to Sidney Weinberg, prominent stockbroker and a long-time trustee of the hospital.

On his 70th birthday two years ago, hundreds of Mr. Weinberg's friends and associates paid tribute to him by presenting \$70 each to the hospital in his name. Their contributions totaled \$45,765, to which Mr. Weinberg added \$24,235 to establish a \$70,000 fund for assisting employees in improving their education.

In the three semesters the program has been operating, 65 employee applications for aid have been approved.



View of South Property (from Eye Institute) shows how parking lot will appear early next year after new three-level parking facility is completed and areas where old buildings stood are graded and paved. In background is Francis Delafield Hospital, showing proposed five-story wing at right.

## SOUTH PROPERTY PARKING CAPACITY WILL BE 775 CARS

The parking capacity of South Property will soon be increased to about 775 cars through the demolition of the Medical Center's two oldest buildings and the erection of a three-level parking facility.

Eugene T. Cleary, administrative assistant of projects, announced that the razing of the buildings is already under way and construction of the new parking facility will begin about mid-October.

Completion of the parking facility, the first in New York City to be fabricated of pre-cast concrete truss units, is expected by early next year. It will be located on the southeast corner of South Property, with its entrance and exit on Fort Washington Avenue.

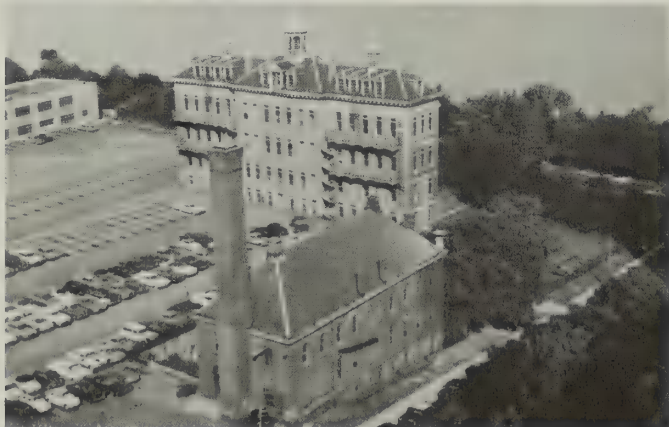
According to Mr. Cleary, the new structure was designed with an eye to the future.

"It will have an initial capacity of 250 cars," he said, "but we will be able to expand it horizontally or vertically if our need for parking space increases."

The two buildings being demolished are the former powerhouse and dormitory of the old New York School for the Deaf, from which the Medical Center purchased South Property.

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Already toppled by the wreckers is the three-story brick powerhouse, a 70-year-old structure that had housed Presbyterian Hospital's print shop and maintenance shops for a



THESE TWO BUILDINGS WILL FALL

Old powerhouse, later print shop (foreground) has already disappeared. Razing of large old dormitory, later storehouse, will begin in two weeks.

quarter-century. It was the oldest building at the Medical Center.

Within two weeks, wreckers will begin tearing down the old dormitory. Built in 1902, the five-story brick building with the familiar three cupolas has been used by the hospital as a storehouse for old medical records and x-rays.

Completion of the Service Building late last year ended the need for the old buildings. The print and maintenance shops have their new quarters at the Service Building and the old records and x-rays are being relocated to vacant areas of Presbyterian Hospital and Neurological Institute.

The land gained through razing of the old buildings will be graded, paved, and used for parking.

While work is in progress at South Property, the temporary loss of parking space will be off-set by new parking facilities at the Audubon Avenue site of the former Rockland Coach Terminal.

## Volunteers

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387 Volunteers put in 13,144 work hours.

During the first eight months this year, Volunteers have worked a total of 86,847 hours. In 1962 when the department had its best year—118,558 hours—exactly 80,035 hours of service were on the books by the end of August.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. BARUCH

Young physical therapy patients in Vanderbilt Clinic designed a birthday card for Bernard M. Baruch, in appreciation of his support of the professorship in Physical Medicine given in memory of his father, Dr. Simon Baruch. Mr. Baruch was 93 on Aug. 19. The little card designers enjoyed a birthday cake as a reward for their artistic efforts.

## FETAL LIFE

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team are Mrs. Ruth Brooks, Study Statistician; Miss Helen Williams, Study Secretary; Mrs. Josephine Baesl and Mrs. Catherine Cunningham (who incidentally are sisters), Statistical Secretaries; Mrs. E. Lise Rafferty, Study Research Nurse; and Mrs. Phyllis Michelsen, Statistical Consultant.

Past support for the study came from the National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service. Recently a new three year grant of \$97,867. from the National Foundation-March of Dimes has been awarded.

Under the March of Dimes grant, the project will survey approximately 4,000 births a year.





# The Stethoscope

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English Nurses Frances Harvey and Elizabeth Bailey

## Britishers Lived 3 Miles Apart; Traveled 3,500 Before They Met

It really is becoming a small world, as two English nurses on the staff of Neurological Institute can testify.

Since April of this year, Frances Harvey, 27, has been assigned to the N.I. operating room, which is some 3,500 miles from her home in Romford, just outside of London.

When Miss Harvey learned recently that another English nurse had been hired for duty in the operating room, she went to make her new colleague welcome.

The young woman she greeted is Miss Elizabeth Bailey of . . . you guessed it . . . Romford, Essex, England.

## MRS. KRAUS TO RETIRE

Nursing students at Presbyterian Hospital take a needling from Minnie Kraus without a word of protest, and invariably they thank her for it.

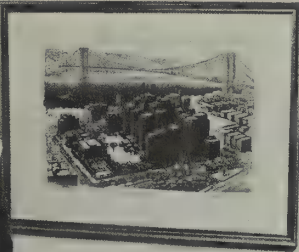
Mrs. Kraus, who retires Oct. 24, is senior seamstress at Maxwell Hall, the residence for nursing students. Since 1956, students have turned to her when hems need adjusting or a seam needs a stitch in time.

Her duties have also included making bibs and aprons for each member of the graduating class and Presbyterian Hospital nursing caps for students and alumnae of the School of Nursing. For two and a half years she has been assisted in these tasks by Mrs. Mary Clark.

"We make between 2,000 and 3,000 caps a year," Mrs. Kraus said. "Each one is cut and stitched by hand."

Requests for the P.H. caps come from all over the world, wherever alumnae of

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## Sloane Hospital Celebrates 75th Anniversary Nov. 14, 15

A distinguished group of physicians will participate in the two day commemoration of the 75th anniversary of The Sloane Hospital for Women, Nov. 14 and 15 at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

An anniversary banquet will be held at 7 p.m. on the 15th at the New York Hilton, Rockefeller Center. Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr., Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons will be toastmaster at the dinner.

Dinner speakers include, Dr. Grayson Kirk, President of Columbia; Dean H. Houston Merritt; F. A. O. Schwarz, Vice President of the Presbyterian Hospital Board of Trustees; Dr. Hector R. MacLennan, President Elect of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and Dr. George Judd, of Los Angeles, President of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.



Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr.

The formal evening at the New York Hilton will include a reception prior to the dinner.

Scientific sessions will be held during the day on Thursday and Friday, the 14th and 15th at Bard Hall from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. A buffet luncheon will be served each day at 12:30.

There will be five separate scientific sessions, arranged to present a broad view of the scientific and clinical responsibilities of a modern department of obstetrics and gynecology. The topics for sessions on Thursday are "Maternal Welfare," to

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## FRENCH "IMMORTAL" ENJOYS VISIT TO MEDICAL CENTER

An internationally known French Presbyterian clergyman recently was the first of the august members of l'Académie Française ever to visit Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

The Rev. Dr. Marc Boegner, a high ranking member of France's Federation of Protestant Churches told his host, neurologist Dr. Carmine T. Vicale, that he was most impressed by the beauty and "ecumenical concept" of The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel, Presbyterian Hospital's interfaith chapel.

The 82-year-old President of France's Protestant Missionary Society detoured his return to Paris after an official visit to Tahiti in order to spend a few days with one of his sons, Etienne, of Westbury, L. I. and tour the hospital founded almost a century ago by prominent New York Presbyterians.

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## Free Polio Vaccine On Nov. 19

On Tuesday, November 19th, the final dose of Free Oral Polio Vaccine will be offered to those staff, personnel and students of the hospital and college who have already had a first dose.

1784 persons received vaccine at the last distribution on September 24th as compared with 1500 recipients on July 30.

## Lab Technician Makes Her Own Glass Objects

Laura Ponticorvo makes no pretension to artistry in glassblowing.

A technician in Dr. David Rittenberg's biochemistry laboratory at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, she knows enough about the ancient skill to create and repair much of the delicate glass equipment needed in her research work.

"You can't call in a professional glassblower every time a glass joint breaks," said Miss Ponticorvo, explaining why she began

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## Cakes Sold Like . . . Cakes!

Proceeds from the Nursing Department cake sale, held Sept. 27, totaled \$320.

The money will be used for welcoming activities for new nurses, who will be joining the staff this fall.

The Nursing Department expresses its appreciation to everyone who helped make the sale a success.

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Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox, Eugene T. Cleary, and George Tanis.

## STETHOSCOPIA

Dr. Lucy H. Swift, fellow in Pediatric Cardiology, and Mr. Jordan A. Konov were married recently in New York City.

Two medical students at P&S married recently. David Chandler Lowance and Mary Meade McConnell in Brevard, N. C. on August 24 and Morton L. Cohen and Miss Gale Susan Strauss in Garden City on September 2.

Best wishes to Dr. H. Clay Alexander, resident in Surgery, and his bride to be, Miss Annalita Marsigli of Bologna, Italy, who will marry this month. Also to Dr. Gilbert Lloyd Fuld, a resident in Pediatrics, and his fiancée, Miss Alice Eleanor Kinzler of New York, and to Dr. Alan Milford Aron, fellow in Pediatric Neurology, and Miss Sarah Deborah Bornstein, who will marry in December. An October wedding is planned by Dr. Robert Kenwood Creasy and Miss Judith Ann Davidson. Dr. Creasy is a resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Clarice L. Dietrich, instructor in Dental Hygiene, was married recently to David J. Hawkins. The couple honeymooned in England and Italy. Audrey R. Werner, part-time instructor in Dental Hygiene, married Otto A. Greier in September and went to Bermuda on a wedding trip.

### SMOKING RULES ENFORCED

A Presbyterian Hospital employee was summoned to court recently for puffing a cigarette in an area of the hospital where signs clearly banned smoking.

His fine was \$10.

It might have cost him more, including a jail sentence.

Under new regulations recently enacted by the city, a person caught smoking or carrying a lighted cigarette, pipe or cigar in hospital areas posted with No Smoking signs may be charged by a fire inspector with neglecting to obey the orders of the Fire Commissioner.

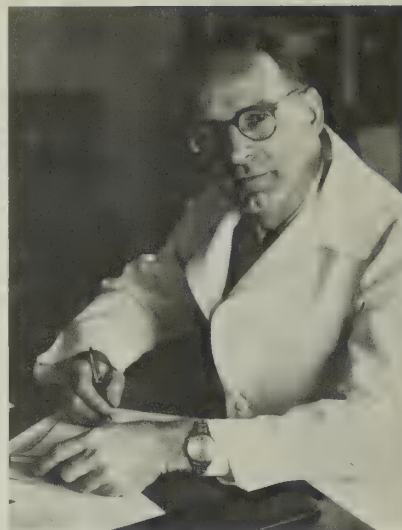
Such an offense carries a maximum fine of \$500 and up to 30 days imprisonment, according to Mr. G. R. Masten, assistant vice president.

He warned that inspectors from the New York City Fire Department are on the lookout for violators in the hospital almost daily now, and he urged persons who do smoke to restrict their smoking to areas where it is permissible.

He said that the Department of Buildings and Grounds is proceeding as rapidly as possible to post appropriate signs in areas where smoking is allowed. Anyone with a question about a particular area should refer it to the department.

The Fire Commissioner's concern over smoking in hospitals is well-founded. Latest statistics indicate that of 26 fires in New York City hospitals in July, 10 were traceable to careless smoking.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS



Dr. Lawrence C. Kolb and staffs of the New York State Psychiatric Institute and the Neurological Institute will conduct a post-graduate course called Symposium on Neurology and Psychiatry September 30-December 6. Topics are to be Basic Neurology, Clinical Neurology, Basic Psychiatry, Clinical Psychiatry.

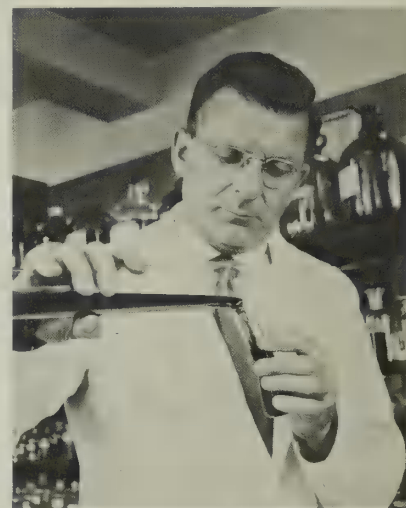
Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment of Mitral Valve Disease is the topic of a seminar at the New York Academy of Science on October 14, for which the Moderator will be Dr. George H. Humphreys II, Director of Surgery. Participating will be Dr. Gregory Jameson, Assistant Attending Radiologist, who will present Pathologic Physiology in Mitral Valve Disease; Dr. Kent Ellis, Associate Attending Radiologist, who will discuss Roentgenography and Angiocardiology in the Diagnosis of Mitral Valve Disease; Dr. William M. Rogers, Associate Professor of Anatomy, with Phonocinefluorocardiography in the Assessment of Mitral Valve Disease, and Dr. James R. Malm, Associate Attending Surgeon, whose topic is Surgical Repair in Mitral Valve Disease.

At the New York Academy of Medicine: Dr. Cushman D. Haagen, Attending Surgeon, will discuss Clinical Contribution of Mammography on October 17; Dr. Robert E. Hall, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, will moderate a panel on The Physician's Responsibility to the World Population Problem, on October 29, and Dr. H. Houston Merritt, Director of Neurology, Dr. Melvin D. Yahr, Attending Neurologist, Dr. Roger C. Duvoisin, Assistant Attending Neurologist and Dr. Edgar M. Housepian, Associate in the Department of Neurology, will participate in a televised Clinical Science Seminar on Parkinson's Disease on October 22.

Emeritus Professor Michael Heidelberg, Immunochemistry, participated in a recent international symposium at the Weizmann Institute, Rehovoth, Israel, in connection with the opening of a new

Life Sciences building, and lectured at the National Biological Institute at Ness Ziona and the Medical School of the University of Jerusalem. He also lectured in the Alexandra Hospital, Athens, before the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Prague, and in the Medical School of the University of Zurich. Dr. Heidelberg reviewed the new program on Immunology at the World Health Organization, Geneva, which is being implemented by Drs. Z. Trnka and Howard Goodman.

Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr., Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology, will be one of the chairmen for the 1963 scientific session of the American Cancer Society at the Hotel Biltmore, October 21 and 22.



Dr. Harold W. Brown, Parasitologist, lectured to 34 doctors in the Peace Corps at a recent meeting in Washington. Three of the physicians were from the Medical Center, one had worked in Liberia and one in Nigeria with Dr. Brown's fourth year medical group.

Dr. Landrum B. Shettles, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, has furnished photographs for a feature, The First Nine Months of Life, in the Arab language magazine published by the USIA.

Dr. Kermit L. Pines, Associate Attending Physician, will preside at the Eleventh All Day Symposium of the Clinical Society of the New York Diabetes Association on October 12 at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel.

Dr. Frank E. Stinchfield, Director of Orthopedic Surgery, will be moderator at a panel discussion on Hip Reconstruction Following Prosthetic Failure at the New York Academy of Medicine on October 14.

Dr. Raymond A. Amoury, Assistant in Surgery, has been awarded a fellowship in the field of tuberculosis by the Tuberculosis and Health Association, supported by the sale of Christmas Seals.



## Anniversary

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be introduced by Dr. D. Anthony D'Esopo, Emeritus Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, College of Physicians and Surgeons; "The Prevention and Cure of Neoplasia," to be introduced by Dr. Arthur T. Hertig, Shattuck Professor of Pathology and Anatomy, Harvard Medical School; and "The Ideal of Neonatal Excellence," to be introduced by Dr. Nicholson J. Eastman, Program Consultant, Physiology of Reproduction, The Ford Foundation.

Participants in the Maternal Welfare session include, Drs. Stanley M. Bysshe, Emanuel Friedman, Louise L. Phillips, Charles M. Steer and Alvin J. B. Tillman. Participants in the Neoplasia session are, Drs. James A. Corscaden, Henry Clay Frick, II, Saul B. Gusberg, Equinn W. Munnell and Ralph M. Richart. Participants in the Neonatal session include Drs. Karlins Adamson, Jr., Vincent J. Freda, Donald G. McKay and W. Duane Todd.

On Friday, scientific topics will be "Furtherance of The Knowledge of Reproduction," to be introduced by Dr. James T. Bradbury, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, State University of Iowa; and "The Social Obligation of the Obstetrician and Gynecologist," to be introduced by Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr.

Participants in the first mentioned session include, Drs. Seymour Lieberman, O. J. Miller, John Sciarra, Landrum B. Shettles, Anna L. Southam and Raymond L. Vande Wiele.

## NEW DOS FACULTY MEMBER HOLD LEGION OF MERIT

Dr. George L. O'Grady, a 1934 graduate of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, has returned to the school as a faculty member, following his recent retirement as a colonel in the U. S. Army Dental Corps.

He has been appointed director of a new program for training dental students to work with dental assistants.



DR. D. A. D'ESOPO  
Conference Speaker

Discussors in the latter session are Dr. John Romano, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Rochester; Dr. Meyer H. Maskin, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, New York University Medical School; Dr. Frank W. Notestein, President, The Population Council, and Dr. John Rock, Emeritus Clinical Professor of Gynecology, Harvard Medical School.

During his long career of active military service, which began in 1940, Dr. O'Grady was awarded the Commendation Medal for outstanding service rendered while serving as Dental Surgeon and Commanding Officer of the Dental Detachment at Fort Monmouth, N. J. from July 1956 to August 1958.

Following that assignment, he served successively as Dental Surgeon for the Heidelberg, Germany, Medical Service Area and Commander of the 89th Medical Detachment (D.S.); Dental Surgeon, 549th Hospital Center; Acting Dental Sur-

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Dr. George O'Grady

## Development Fund Benefits From Doctor's One-Man Drive

Inspired by his faith in medical research and the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, a Bronx physician is conducting a one-man drive to raise \$25,000 for the Center's \$50 million Development Fund Campaign.

On the wall of Dr. George B. Ticktin's waiting room is a large sign welcoming patients to join him in financing a laboratory for research in medicine at the Medical Center's William Black Medical Research Building.

An equally large graph hanging beside the sign indicates that his campaign is succeeding. Almost \$16,000 has already been subscribed.

Dr. Ticktin, a 1937 graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, launched his fund drive two years ago. Although he has personally contributed the bulk of the money realized to date, his patients have added more than 300 gifts that total almost \$2,500. He estimates that his \$25,000 goal will be achieved within a year.

"... Your solicitation of patients makes each aware of the great work being done at the Medical Center."

Well aware himself of the work of the Medical Center, Dr. Ticktin was a full-time night orderly at Presbyterian Hospital for eight years while he was devoting his days to college and medical school.

Graduated from Columbia University's College of Pharmacy in 1932, he took pre-medical courses at Columbia for a year before entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1933. Columbia awarded him the degree of bachelor of science in 1934 and the degree of doctor of medicine in 1937.

### APPRECIATES ALMA MATER

His years of such close association with the Medical Center gave him a lasting appreciation of what is

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### EFFORTS RECOGNIZED

Praise for the "splendid effort" Dr. Ticktin is making on behalf of the Developing on behalf of the Development Fund Campaign came recently from General Lucius D. Clay, campaign chairman.

"Aside from your own generous contributions, the fact that the total is made up of over 300 small contributions from your patients is most encouraging and indeed something of which you can be proud," General Clay wrote.

## Sloane Hospital Established At West 59th Street

The Sloane Hospital for Women was built at West 59th Street and Amsterdam Avenue and presented to Columbia University by Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sloane in 1886.

The hospital opened in 1887, became a part of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in 1928, and marked seventy-five years of service at the end of 1962. In commemoration of these seventy-five years a two day program has been prepared for Nov. 14 and 15 by the following members of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Committee:

Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr., Director, The Sloane Hospital for Women, Dr. D. Anthony D'Esopo, Honorary Chairman, Dr. Henry Clay Frick, II, Chairman, Drs. David B. Moore, Anna L. Southam, Charles M. Steer, W. Duane Todd, Raymond L. Vande Wiele and Miss Mary I. Crawford, R.N.

The Women's Committee for the anniversary includes, Miss Lottie M. Morrison, R.N., Honorary Chairman, Mrs. Stanley M. Bysshe, Chairman, Mrs. D. Anthony D'Esopo, Mrs. Henry Clay Frick, II, Mrs. Equinn W. Munnell, Mrs. C. Paul O'Connell and Mrs. Howard C. Taylor, Jr.

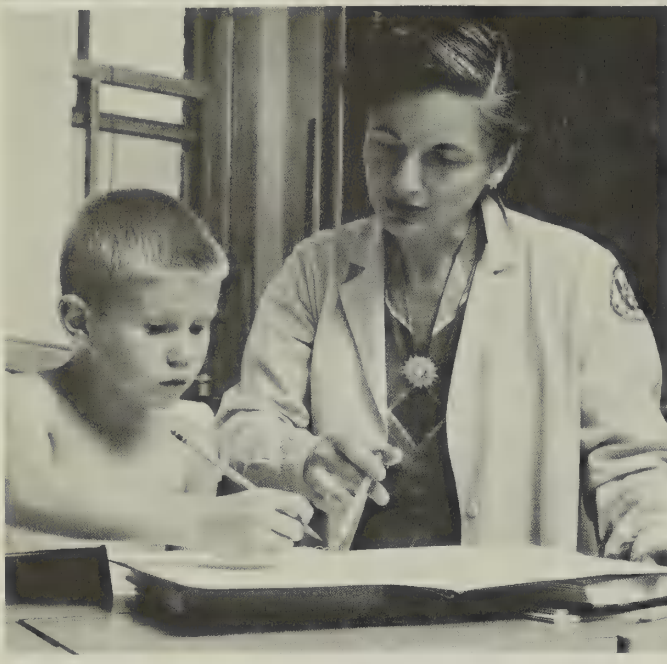


## VISITORS FROM OUTER SPACE?

It looks like a space craft about to land in the Presbyterian Hospital garden. Actually it's the hospital's new liquid oxygen storage tank being lowered by crane to its permanent position in the trailer parking lot adjacent to Babies Hospital. It has been connected to existing underground pipes and is supplying oxygen for most bedside outlets, operating rooms, and some hospital laboratories. Formerly the hospital received oxygen in gas form from tanks mounted on trailers. The new permanent tank has a much greater capacity than the trailer tanks and is considered to be more convenient and safer.



# SCHOOLS IN FULL SWING AT TH



"Can't escape, even when a guy's sick," muses a young patient as his bedside instructor from the hospital's PS 401X teaches him today's lesson.

## 126 Enroll In School Of Nursing

One hundred and twenty-six young women, representing 18 states and four foreign countries, began their nursing education here Sept. 10.

Selected from 225 applicants, the students are enrolled in the Department of Nursing of Columbia University's Faculty of Medicine. They come from 69 colleges and universities.

Miss Elizabeth S. Gill, Associate Dean, Nursing, said that 31 of the new student nurses, all graduates of a four-year liberal arts college, are scheduled to complete their program in 24 months. The others, who have at least two years of liberal arts education, are in a 32-month program.

Both programs lead to a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Columbia and a certificate in nursing from Presbyterian Hospital.

Officers of the class are Seventeen of the women are daughters of doctors, including Carolyn E. Waldman of Jamaica, L. I. Both her parents are physicians.

Many have relatives who were graduated from the School of Nursing or are presently students here.

The mothers of Carolyn Cox of Port Chester, N. Y., and Judith McLaughlin of



Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J., were classmates here more than 30 years ago. Mrs. Creta MacLeod Cox and Mrs. Roberta Waldron McLaughlin were graduated from the School of Nursing in 1933.

Judith's sister, Sandra McLaughlin, is a member of the nursing Class of 1964.

Father and mother of Sheila McGuire of Winchester, Va., have Medical Center backgrounds. Her

mother, the former Dorothy Robinson, belongs to the nursing Class of 1937 and her father, Dr. William P. McGuire, was a resident at Presbyterian Hospital, 1937-39.

Gretchen Camp's sister Sally was graduated from the School of Nursing in 1961 and Geraldine Evan's sister Sandra and Jean Single's sister Carol were graduated in 1963.

## School Bells Ring Again For Pupils of P. S. 401X

The school bell rang recently for 11 children in Babies Hospital who were on the roll of the hospital's school PS 401X on September 10. These were patients who were in the hospital more than two weeks, at which time they were officially transferred to the school's roll. Children hospitalized for a shorter time are welcome to attend classes but are not enrolled, according to the teacher, Miss Rosalie Castagnetta.

The New York City public school annex has its classroom on the 12th floor of Babies Hospital, includes grades one through eight, and meets five mornings a week from 10:15 until 11:30 A.M. Bedside teaching is done by Miss Castagnetta before and after formal classes, and by Mrs. Lillian Graham, who handles the orthopedic floor. A high school teacher is also sent in by the City to help patients on the secondary school level.

Mrs. George A. Perera welcomes a new student at the reception for incoming members of P&S.

A student from Nigeria exchanges greetings with Dr. George A. Perera.





# MEDICAL CENTER

## New Medical Students Have Interesting Backgrounds

Among the 120 first-year medical students who entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons Sept. 16 are the usual large number of persons with interesting backgrounds and talents.

### DISC JOCKEY

The group includes a man who served with the Peace Corps in Tanganyika, a former navigator on an Air Force B-52, one who worked with the fishing fleet in Alaska, an aviator who was president of his college flying club, a missile engineer, a shoe salesman, a radio announcer, a disc jockey, and a girl who led a group in modern dance.

### FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

There are former Fulbright scholars in the class and authorities on the history of art and the operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan. Competent musicians are numerous enough for the students to form, if they wished, a small class band,

complete with tenor and drum major.

One student was a college wrestler, another is a sports car enthusiast, one is a yachtsman, and several are skiers.

### HONOR GRADUATES

Scholastically, the class is a superior one, according to Dr. George A. Perera, Associate Dean of P&S. "No class," he said, "exceeds this one in scholarship and character."

Almost half the students were graduated from college cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude and were elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

### FAMILY FOOTSTEPS

They are natives of 24 states and four foreign countries and come to P&S from 50 different colleges. They were selected from more than 1200 applicants.

Twenty-three of the new students are children of doctors, including two of the 12 women in the class.

## Latest DOS Statistics: One Woman, 131 Men



Miss Patricia A. Saul, only distaff member of the freshman dental class, works with an instructor in the Dental Clinic.

One woman among 131 undergraduate male dental students. That's the distinction held by Miss Patricia A. Saul, one of 40 freshman who began classes Sept. 16 at Columbia University's School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

An attractive brunette, Miss Saul is a native New Yorker who holds a bachelor of science degree

from Hunter College and believes that dentistry is an interesting and challenging profession for a woman.

Members of the freshman class come from seven states and four foreign countries and they hold degrees from 28 colleges. Five are sons of dentists and two are sons of physicians.

First year nursing students in the amphitheater, hear a lecturer on anatomy.



Mrs. H. Houston Merritt pours for the new future doctors at the Bard Hall social, at left. Below, Dr. Rudolph N. Schullinger and a first-year medical student, listen attentively as Dr. Donald McKay makes a point.





## Social Workers for 3 Decades, Irwin Twins Retire Sept. 19th

Identical twins Helen and Margaret Irwin, who had aided hundreds of handicapped persons during their three decades as social workers at New York Orthopaedic Hospital, retired quietly on Sept. 19.

The Irwin sisters had wanted no formal recognition of their leaving, according to Miss Elizabeth Prichard, Director of Social Service.

"They wanted to slip away unobtrusively," she said, "but their many colleagues and friends in the Orthopedic Service and Social Service wanted to pay tribute to them. So we took the party to them."

Helen and Margaret Irwin trained at the Roosevelt Hospital School of Nursing and later, after experience in child welfare and public

health nursing, their interest turned to social work.

Their career in this field began at New York Orthopaedic Hospital when it was located in downtown Manhattan. They moved with the Hospital to the Medical Center in 1950.

"Over the years they knew well many, many orthopedic patients," said Miss Prichard. "They followed a great number of these patients through infancy to adulthood, always encouraging and motivating them to the fullest achievement."

In addition to their work directly with patients, the sisters also taught, passing on knowledge they had gained through their long experience to many classes of medical and nursing students.

## Glass Blower

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glassblowing in the first place.

She said she learned the fundamentals of the art from Dr. Rittenberg, whom she described as "a really good glassblower." She also read books on the subject and learned through trial and error during her 19 years in the laboratory.

"I'm not an artist at glassblowing," she insisted. "I can't create graceful birds or other beautiful glass figurines. I only know enough to do what has to be done here in the laboratory."

At the request of the interviewer, she demonstrated her skills by adding glass connections to a high vacuum system, used, she said, for isotope analysis.

The system looks somewhat like a Rube Goldberg creation of very fragile glass tubing and reservoir bulbs for gases. It is easy to see why breakage occurs so often.

To create a glass joint in the system, she took a straight glass tube, set it in place upon another tube, then heated the area with a blowtorch.

While she worked, she blew air through a piece of rubber tubing attached to the glass tube. The reason for this, she explained, was to keep the glass tube open.

"When glass is heated to a thick liquid consistency, it has a tendency to form a blob if air isn't blown steadily through the mass."

It was also apparent that if she blew too gently, the opening would contract, too hard and a bubble would form.

After Miss Ponticorvo had joined the glass tube in place, she began heating it again with the blowtorch until it was pliable, bent it to the angle she desired, then connected the other

end to a second tube. Seconds after she finished, the tube looked as if it had always been part of the vacuum system.

Still deprecating her talent, Miss Ponticorvo said: "See, that's all there is to it. All you need is a blowtorch, lung-power, and a bit of glass."

"Plus a lot of practice and skill?" suggested the interviewer.

"Yes," Miss Ponticorvo admitted, "practice and skill, too."

## Nurses Meet *Continued from page one*

From 1960 through the middle of 1962 she was a theatre sister at Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, then at West End Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, London, before coming to New York.

Miss Bailey received her nursing education at Bedford General Hospital, Cambridge, and did post-graduate work in operating room nursing at Brook Hospital, London.

After one year at Middlesex Hospital, London, she went abroad, working as a nurse in Australia and New Zealand before returning to London in 1961 as a theatre sister at St. Giles Hospital. She later was a nurse in Hamilton, Ontario, before coming to New York.

Nowhere did the paths of the two nurses cross until

Miss Bailey arrived at the Medical Center.

It is said in Manhattan that if one were to stand at Broadway and 42nd Street, stop passers-by and ask where they came from, it wouldn't be long before he met a person from home, wherever home happened to be.

Perhaps the same can be said for Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Before coming to Neurological Institute, Miss Harvey's experience as a nurse had been obtained exclusively in England, while Miss Bailey has been a nurse in many regions of the English-speaking world.

Miss Harvey received her nursing education at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, then did post-graduate study at Sussex Maternity Hospital, Brighton.

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DR. GEORGE TICKTIN INDICATES NEW GIFTS ON CHART IN HIS BRONX OFFICE.

## Dr. Ticktin

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accomplished here in the fields of education and patient care, as well as medical research, he explained.

"I've always enjoyed my relationship with the Medical Center and I'm grateful for the help it has given me in my medical career. Raising money for the Medical Center is one way of ex-

pressing this gratitude."

Moreover, a chance to participate in the Medical Center's development program was welcomed by his patients, Dr. Ticktin added.

### NO URGING REQUIRED

"They see the sign and give if they wish. I never mention it unless a patient asks. The Medical Center is well known and highly regarded here in the Bronx. No sales pitch is needed."

The William Black Medical Research Building, for which Dr. Ticktin and his patients are contributing money, is well on its way to becoming a reality.

Steelwork on the 20-story, \$15 million structure is already completed and it should be in operation by late next year. It is believed that the building will be the largest and most advanced facility for medical research in the United States.

## In Memoriam

### THOMAS V. McCLURE

Thomas V. McClure, 63, houseman and messenger in Maxwell Hall, died Sept. 4 in Presbyterian Hospital after a short illness.

He was the husband of Mrs. Alice V. (McGrady) McClure, a nurses aide in the Doctors' Offices.

Well regarded by his associates for what they described as his "cheerful and very agreeable nature," Mr. McClure began his employment at the Hospital in February, 1948, as an elevator operator and starter. Since July, 1952, he was all-around handyman in the student nurse residence.

A native of Glasgow, Scotland, he attended schools in Belfast, Ireland, and came to this country in 1922.

At one time he managed a Little League baseball team in Yonkers, where he made his home. He was also an avid fisherman and was very interested in classical music, travel, and sight-seeing.

He was a parishioner of St. Denis Church, Yonkers, and a member of the Lud-Dale Association.

Besides his widow, he leaves three sons, four brothers, two sisters, and 14 grandchildren.

### ANNE L. BURDO

Miss Anne L. Burdo, ad-

ministrative assistant in the personnel office at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, died Sept. 22 in Neurological Institute after a long illness. She was 40 years old.

A solemn high mass for Miss Burdo, attended by many of her Medical Center friends and associates, was held Sept. 25 in St. John's Roman Catholic Church in the Kingsbridge section of the Bronx.

Miss Burdo began her employment in the P&S personnel office in November 1950 after working for some time in the accounting department of Presbyterian Hospital.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Isabella Burdo; two sisters, and a brother.

## EMERGENCY

An emergency drill will be held here some time in November.

All personnel, particularly new residents, nurses, students, and employees, should become familiar with their emergency functions.

Consult the Medical Center's Manual of Emergency Operation Procedure—and study it carefully.



## Drs. Starr, Raskin, Wilson Among Hospital's Busy Chief Residents

Dr. Wilson C. Starr—a distant relative of Green Bay Packer quarterback Bart Starr—has no inclination toward professional football after he completes his chief residency in ophthalmology this January.

A Texan, whose family now lives in Huntington, West Virginia, Dr. Starr received his B.S. from Davidson College in North Carolina and his M.D. from Duke University in 1959 before coming to New York.

He served a medical internship at Bellevue and in 1960 joined the house staff at the Institute of Ophthalmology.

"My interest in ophthalmology started when I was in medical school, taking an elective at Barnes Hospital," Dr. Starr explained.

Dr. Starr is a pilot. He no longer has his own plane, but occasionally rents one from Teterboro airport in New Jersey. His father formerly owned a large Texas cattle and sheep ranch—and Texas, being the sprawling country it is, stimulates the flying syndrome.

A Greenwich Villager, Dr. Starr says he might migrate southward after his residency is completed, to pursue a career in academic medicine and private practice closer to his native state.

Currently, his average day runs from about 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. He is involved in consultations with patients from other services most mornings. He examines the patients he has operated on and two afternoons a week sees former patients in the follow up clinics. His afternoons are divided between operating, working in clinics and handling the administrative work for which the chief resident is responsible. This includes scheduling operations and arranging for Thursday afternoon grand rounds in which attending and house staffs, nurses and medical students participate.

Dr. Neil H. Raskin, chief

resident in neurology, has found that there can be a certain aura of romance in medicine even for a busy assistant resident at bustling Bellevue Hospital.

Before starting his residency in neurology at The Neurological Institute, Dr. Raskin interned and did a first year of medical residency at Bellevue. During the latter phase of his training there was an attractive third year medical student from the College of Physicians and Surgeons studying on his ward. Then Marjorie Tucker—now Mrs. Marjorie Raskin, M.D., a second year resident in Psychiatry at New York State Psychiatric Institute.

Her husband (A.B. Dartmouth 1956, M.D. Harvard 1959) was appointed chief resident in July of 1963 and will complete that residency June 30th.

"I hope to spend the year after that doing research in the Clinical Neurological Research Center here, while Marjorie will be completing her final year of residency," Dr. Raskin explained.

"After that I will spend another two years at the Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health in a research project on the effect of the thyroid hormone on brain metabolism."

Dr. Raskin's day, as chief resident, usually starts shortly after 8 a.m., with visits to private patients followed by a review of new admissions with the senior neurology residents.

"The schedule varies periodically, but usually includes rounds on the private services, then a conference with the house staff and students and during the afternoon, a clinic, or administrative work in arranging conferences or teaching medical students."

"I think one of the helpful innovations this year for the chief resident is a greater sharing of the teaching responsibilities with the

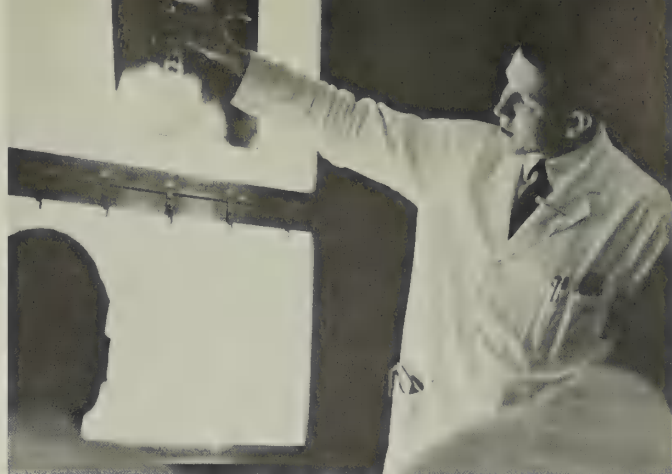
other senior residents," he added.

Dr. Frank C. Wilson, Jr., chief resident in orthopedic surgery, is a Southerner by birth (Rome, Georgia) and still yearns for that Southern climate after five years in New York.

Next June, after completing an 18-month chief residency, Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, the former Ann Irvin also of Rome, Georgia and their three children, Jennifer, Anna and Robin will embark for Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Dr. Wilson has a full time teaching appointment awaiting him at the University of North Carolina.

An alumnus of Vanderbilt University, A.B. 1950, and the University of Georgia, M.D. 1954, Dr. Wilson interned in surgery at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta and then spent a year in general practice there before entering the United States Navy for two years.



Dr. Frank C. Wilson, Jr., chief resident in Orthopedic Surgery, discusses cases with other house staff members during a regular conference.

"I came to Presbyterian for a year of residency in general surgery in 1958, finishing December 31, 1959. I started residency in orthopedic surgery in January, and since the residency year runs from July through June, I've been accumulating extra time in training," Dr. Wilson explained.

Dr. Wilson remarked that congenital deformities and their reconstructive surgery are the most challenging aspects of orthopedic surgery (a specialty which deals with the musculoskeletal system—about 80 per cent of the human body) while trauma is perhaps more urgent and dramatic.

As chief resident, Dr. Wil-

son's responsibilities vary considerably from month to month. At times they include teaching almost exclusively. More often, they include administrative work, arranging schedules for residents and scheduling operations in orthopedic surgery, operating two or three times a week, setting up weekly conferences, the fracture conference and grand rounds, reviewing cases with other residents and doing research.

### Charlie Henderson Leaving Kitchen To Raise Chickens

It won't be long now before Charlie Henderson will be getting up with the birds.

The birds in this case will be the chickens on the farm he plans to operate at Highland Falls, N. Y., after he retires at the end of this month as a kitchen attendant in Food Service.

Early rising won't bother him a bit either, because he's used to it, Mr. Henderson says. Although he doesn't begin work in the kitchen until 9 a.m., he usually is out of bed by 6:30.

"I love to walk," he explains, "and that's a good time for walking."

The poultry farm he will retire to has about four acres of land and he will begin his business with about 500 chickens. He says he is familiar with the poultry business because, as a boy and young man, he worked on an uncle's farm in Beacon, N. Y.

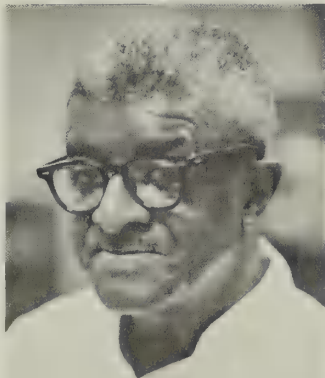
Mr. Henderson, who began his employment at Presbyterian Hospital 16 years ago, is an enthusiastic baseball fan who roots for the Dodgers, even if they are in Los Angeles now. In retirement, he hopes he'll see the Dodgers more often, although he has a problem when they play in New York. He also roots for the Mets.



Dr. Neil H. Raskin, chief resident in Neurology, examines one of his patients in the Neurological Institute.

In this issue of *Stethoscope* we are publishing the first three in a series of articles on the chief residents serving Presbyterian Hospital.

The series will be continued during the next several months, when *Stethoscope* readers will be introduced to 13 more of our chief residents.



Charlie Henderson

Dr. Wilson C. Starr, chief resident in Ophthalmology, interviews and examines a patient in the Eye Clinic.





## "Mother to Lab Personnel" to Retire

Her hobby is helping others.

This gives an idea of the type of person Elizabeth Heil is. An assistant in the clinical pathology laboratory of Harkness Pavilion for almost 15 years, Mrs. Heil is retiring at the end of this month.

"Elizabeth is very helpful and she will be missed," said Mrs. Catherine Lang. "She has been sort of a mother to our lab personnel and she always gives that little something extra to the job."

A perfectionist who strives for absolute cleanliness in the laboratory, Mrs. Heil was indoctrinated in hospital work by her mother, a nurse in a family of nurses.

"My mother was a nurse, her 12 sisters were all



ELIZABETH HEIL  
Active too long to retire

nurses, and so was my maternal grandmother," Mrs. Heil said.

She was born in the Ornskirch section of Lancaster, England and was raised and educated here on Washington Heights. Before she began her employment at Presbyterian Hospital, she worked for four years in the sterilizing room of Lenox Hill Hospital.

She lives in the Bronx with her husband, John. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Balison, was receptionist in the physical therapy unit in Vanderbilt Clinic for a number of years.

After she leaves here, Mrs. Heil plans "to rest a bit," then seek a part time job. "I've been active too long to retire," she said.



Student nurse seeks aid of seamstress Minnie Kraus.

## Seamstress *Continued from page one*

the School of Nursing are serving.

Born, brought up and still living on Washington Heights, Mrs. Kraus was taught to sew by her mother, a German immigrant. All her married life Mrs. Kraus made clothing for her only child, a daughter, and drapes, curtains, and other items for her home. She be-

gan working at Maxwell Hall in May, 1956, four months after the death of her husband.

Mrs. Kraus has no definite plans for retirement. She is contemplating a winter trip to Florida and is glad she will have more time for her hobbies: knitting, crocheting and, of course, sewing.

## Dr. O'Grady

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geon, Headquarters U. S. Army, Europe; and as Dental Surgeon and Commander of the Dental Detachment at Fort Dix, N. J.

For his service in Germany and at Fort Dix he was awarded, on his retirement, the Legion of Merit, the nation's second highest award for achievement.

The citation which accompanied the award stated, in part: "... with foresight, tenacity of purpose and unique analytical ability, he expeditiously implemented the Preventive Dentistry Program and contributed materially to the research, survey and scientific evaluation of dental treatment for military personnel and their dependents."

Dr. O'Grady also holds the Army of Occupation Medal, Germany, and the Medal for Humane Action, awarded for his service during the Berlin Air Lift.

A native New Yorker, he has the degree of bachelor of arts from Fordham University, as well as a doctor of dental science degree from Columbia University.

He and his wife, the former Helen C. Roulston of New Rochelle, have two sons, Capt. George O'Grady, Jr., on the faculty of the Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Ala., and Pvt. Cornelius O'Grady, recently assigned to the Second Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas, and three daughters, Helen Patricia, Maureen, and Mrs. James L. Brown, Jr.

## Gibson Lecture To Be Oct. 31st

Professor J. P. Soulier, M.D., Director General of the French National Blood Transfusion Service, Paris, will deliver the 11th annual John G. Gibson Lecture Oct. 31 in Auditorium A, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Soulier will speak at 4 p.m. on "Hemorrhagic Tendency in Surgery." Following his address, a reception in his honor will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. in Harkness Hall.

The Gibson Lecture is held here each year under the auspices of the Department of Surgery.

## From The Mailbag

My husband was a patient at the Neurological Institute twice within the past few months. Each stay was for about a month — the first time on the seventh floor and then on the sixth floor.

I would like to tell you how wonderful the care was. Everyone was untiring in service and always kind and sympathetic.—from the wife of a former patient at Neuro.

Recently my daughter was a patient in the Institute of Ophthalmology on the semi-private section. I had to write to you to tell of the excellent care she received, both physically and emotionally.

The staff was not only wonderful to her but also to my husband and me. This was not our first hospital experience with our children, so we do have a basis of comparison. I have never seen such a well run professional hospital. — from the mother of a child patient at Eye Institute.

## "Immortal" Visits Hospital

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The concept of a voluntary hospital, one supported by the generosity of the public, is alien to the European, Dr. Boegner said. He also expressed interest in the philosophy of James Lenox, the founder of the hospital, who said, "Presbyterian Hospital is Presbyterian in its burdens because founded by Presbyterians; undenominational in its benefits because it is for the reception of patients irrespective of creed, nationality or color."

Elected one of the 40 "immortals" of the 330-year old Académie Française last year, Dr. Boegner holds nine doctorates and is President of the French Bible Society, and the General Commission of Protestant Churches Overseas. He went to Tahiti to participate in the 100th anniversary of the Evangelical Church of French Polynesians and to proclaim its autonomy.

During his visit to the Medical Center, he explained that he was among those invited to the second session of the Vatican Ecumenical Council, the first session of which, he said, surpassed his hopes and has given tremendous impetus to greater interfaith understanding.

During his tour of the hospital, Dr. Boegner was accompanied by his son, Etienne, Dr. Vicale, and Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr.



From left, Chaplain Reeves, Dr. Marc Boegner, Dr. Carmine Vicale, and Etienne Boegner.





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## 75 YEARS DEDICATED TO THE WELL-BEING OF WOMEN

### SLOANE HELPED DRAMATIC RISE IN MATERNAL HEALTH

A short 30 years ago, one of the major causes of the high death rate among mothers during childbirth was hemorrhage.

Yet, during the last 20 years and 100,000 births in The Sloane Hospital For Women, there has not been one maternal death from hemorrhage, according to Dr. A. Anthony D'Esopo. Dr. D'Esopo, a consultant in obstetrics and gynecology at Sloane, will introduce a panel on "Maternal Welfare" at a two day conference, Nov. 14 and 15, commemorating the 75th anniversary of The Sloane Hospital For Women.

"In 1930, when maternal mortality was at its peak in the United States, the two great killers in childbirth were hemorrhaging and infection," Dr. D'Esopo said.

"The dramatic drop in maternal mortality since was due mainly to the advent of antibiotics and blood banks in the early 1940's."

There were other important factors, however, which started the decline even earlier, Dr. D'Esopo pointed out. These included more extensive training for obstetricians, wider recognition of the importance of specialization in this field of medicine, increased use of hospitals for childbirth, and the greater precautions which all of these measures presuppose.

#### "WHY MOTHERS DIE..."

Publication in the New York press of a report entitled "Why Women Die in Childbirth" on Nov. 20, 1933, had a detonating effect in triggering intensive

efforts to surmount the problem of maternal mortality both in New York City and throughout the country. The document contended that two-thirds of the 2,041 maternal deaths in New York City from 1930 to 1933 could have been prevented through competence on the part of attending physicians and midwives.

This controversial report was the summary of a three year study undertaken by the New York Academy of Medicine's Public Health Relations Committee with the aid of an Obstetrical Advisory Committee, chaired by Dr. Benjamin P. Watson, then Director of Sloane Hospital For Women. Sloane Hospital was already one of the leading institutions in the country for advanced training in obstetrics.

In the furor which arose, almost 30 years to the day before the current 75th anniversary celebration of Sloane Hospital, the New York Obstetrical Society attacked the report publicly and Dr. Watson, convinced of its value, resigned from his vice presidency in the society. Subsequently, based on the reforms it prompted, this report has

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### Last Call For Polio Vaccine

The final dose of oral polio vaccine will be available free Nov. 19 to hospital and college staff and personnel who have received the first dose.

The vaccine may be obtained from 8 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. that day in the Doctors' Dining Room, first floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

### Sloane's Mary Put Something Extra In Her Cooking

In the first two months of 1915, typhoid invaded Sloane Hospital, infecting some 25 doctors, nurses, and domestic help with the terrible fever.

Guilt for the minor epidemic fell upon one woman, a cook hired by the Hospital in October, 1914.

Her name was Mary Mallon.

Mary had a little germ, it packed a nasty blow; and everyone that Mary met, the germ would lay them low.

"Typhoid Mary," as she was to be called, was known

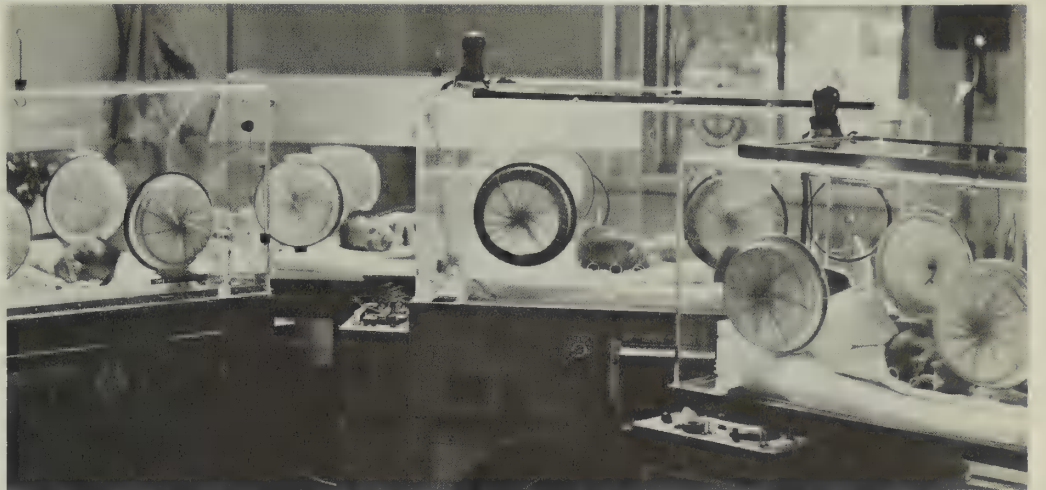
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### SLOANE SEEKS BABIES OF '88

Persons born in Sloane Hospital for Women during its first year are being sought to help the institution celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Officials of the hospital, a part of the Columbia-

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LISA, ALLISON, JOHN and JODI BRECKER

### Sloane Anniversary Special: 2nd Quadruplets in 20 Years

Just a few weeks prior to a two day commemoration of the 75th anniversary of The Sloane Hospital For Women, one of the most exciting events in the hospital's history took place.

A Sloane patient, 27-year-old Rhoda Brecker, whose husband, Martin, is a New York attorney, gave birth to quadruplets, at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 23, 1963.

The quads—like mom and dad—are doing just fine.

After the excitement, television and radio interviews, newspaper stories and pictures abated, the proud parents named their first born(s): Lisa Todd, John Raymond, Allison Ivy and Jodi Gail. (Any similarity to the names of members of the Sloane staff is intentional.)

The babies ranged in weight from 4 pounds to 2 pounds 12 ounces and were immediately transported to

incubators in the Premature Nursery.

The only other time quadruplets have been born at Sloane was in March 1944, when the ZariEFF quads were born. The Breckers have raised the total number of quadruplets born in New York City to nine.

The Breckers, until the night of Oct. 23rd, had lived quietly in an apartment in Rego Park, Queens. Mrs. Brecker, the former Rhoda Pomerantz, was a school

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### P&S Names Dr. Eagle Asst. Dean

Dr. J. Frederick Eagle, Jr., former director of pediatrics at St. Luke's Hospital, has been named as assistant dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

His appointment was made by the Trustees of Columbia University Oct. 7.

In his new position, Dr. Eagle will also assume the

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Dr. D. Anthony D'Esopo



Dr. J. Frederick Eagle, Jr.



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## STETHOSCOPIA



From left, Mrs. Margaret Muccilli, Mrs. Marguerite Stein, Mrs. Mark Sternfels, nee Julia Grumet.

Mrs. Marguerite Stein, Director of Volunteers, met with some of the hospital family in, of all places, Naples, Italy. Mrs. Margaret Muccilli, secretary in Maintenance, and Mrs. Mark Sternfels, the former Julia Grumet, surgical staff library, posed with Mrs. Stein to prove the world-wide influence of the Medical Center.

Another traveller at heart, Mrs. Catherine Lang, Clinical Pathology Supervisor, lectured to students at the floating University of the Seven Seas before its recent sailing.

The lovely autumn foliage is attracting many visitors to Mary Harkness Unit. A director of a hospital in Japan, Dr. Takeshi Toyama, with the president of a textile mill and his daughter, discussed the Mary Harkness facilities in anticipation of their plan to construct a 300-bed nursing home in Kyoto, Japan.

Helen Gosline at Mary Harkness Unit, has returned to Rhode Island Hospital, her alma mater, for a series of seminars and festivities celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of this institution.

Mrs. Elidia Ruiz, Sloane Vanderbilt Clinic, vacationed with her husband in Canada and Thousand Islands. Mrs. Emilie King visited her daughter in Indianapolis and Mrs. Stella Anderson joined the March on Washington and then visited with relatives in Carlisle, Pa.

Mrs. Dorothy McNeil, P.N. on Harkness 8, cruised to Bermuda; Joyce Tyson, Infant Technician in Pediatric Clinic, spent her vacation in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.

Congratulations to Mrs. Muriel Dunleavy, Infant Technician, Harkness 8 Nursery, on the arrival of a granddaughter, Bernadette Marie Doherty.

Mrs. Liselott Toby has been appointed Field Instructor for Social Service by Columbia University School of Social Work. Mrs. Toby will supervise a unit of six students from the school working up here. The following new members have joined the department: Barbara Levine and Mrs. Louise Kelsey at Babies Hospital; Frances Anderson, Roseann Brady, Maureen Brodie, Donna Miller, Susan Parkes and Mrs. Judith Heller at P.H.

C. Merry Cuttita has been appointed to the dental hygiene staff. Miss Cuttita, an honor graduate, received the Bachelor of Science degree from Courses for Dental Hygienists in June. She is the daughter of Dr. Joseph A. Cuttita, Chairman of Admissions, School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

The Scientific Meetings to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of The Sloane Hospital For Women, will take place in Bard Hall on November 14 and 15, from 9:30 until 5 p.m. with luncheon served at 12:30.

The program will consist of five sessions which will be intended to give a broad view of the scientific and clinical responsibility of a modern department of obstetrics and gynecology. Each session will be introduced by a principal speaker, followed by members of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, who will discuss specific items related to the topic of the session.



Dr. McKay

Principal speakers will be Drs. D. Anthony D'Esopo, Emeritus Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, Donald G. McKay, Delafield Professor of Pathology, Howard C. Taylor, Jr., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Further participants from Obstetrics and Gynecology are Drs. Karlis Adamsons, Jr., Stanley M. Bysshe, James A. Corscaden, Vincent J. Freda, Henry Clay Frick, II, Emanuel A. Friedman, Saul B. Gusberg, Orlando J. Miller, Equinn W. Munnell, Ralph M. Richart, John J. Sciarra, Landrum B. Shettles, Anna L. Southam, Charles M. Steer, Alvin J. B. Tillman, W. Duane Todd, Raymond L. Vande Wiele.



Dr. Corscaden

Five Medical Center Staff members participated in the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychiatric Research Association recently. They included Drs. Melvin D. Yahr, Attending in Neurology, Edmund P. Fowler, Jr., Director of Otolaryngology, Franz Altmann, Attending in Otolaryngology, William A. Silverman, Associate Attending in Pediatrics, Roberts Rugh (Ph.D.), Associate Professor, Radiology.

Dr. Ralph H. Boots, Consultant in Medicine, has received the Floyd Odum Award from the New York Chapter of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation for long and continued service to the Chapter.

Dr. John K. Lattimer, Director of Urology, presided at the Committee for Pediatric Urology at the recent annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics in Chicago. This committee is a new and growing branch of the Academy.

Dr. Lester C. Mark, Associate Attending Anesthesiologist, addressed the American Association of Poison Control Centers recently on the "Changing Therapeutic Goals in Barbiturate Poisoning" at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics in Chicago.

Dr. Charles A. Perera, Attending in Ophthalmology, was a guest speaker at the Meeting of the Kentucky State Medical Association and the Kentucky EEN & T Society in Lexington, Kentucky, recently. Dr. Perera gave a talk on strabismus surgery and another entitled "A Quaker Doctor in Kenya."

Dr. Frank E. Beube, Clinical Professor of Dentistry and Director of the Section of Periodontology of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, has been elected President-Elect of the American Academy of Periodontology at their recent annual meeting in New York City. Dr. Beube will be inaugurated President of the Academy at their 50th annual meeting in San Francisco in November 1964.

Dr. Hans H. Zinsser, Associate Attending Urologist, presented Unexpected Facets to the Kidney Stone Problem recently at the New York Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Lawrence C. Kolb, Director of Psychiatry, will discuss Narcotic addiction: its medical management, on a Clinical Science Seminar over WNYC-TV-UHF Channel 31 on November 5.

Dr. William A. Bauman, Chief of Pediatric Clinics, who is in charge of the Cystic Fibrosis Cost Study for the State of New York now being conducted in Vanderbilt Clinic, was a guest of the IBM Company at a Symposium on computer applications to medicine, held at Endicott, N. Y., October 7-11, 1963.



## U. H. F. Drive Runs Ahead Of Last Year

With three months to go, six teams representing the Medical Center had raised \$110,754.13 in the 1963-64 United Hospital Fund campaign.

The total reported on Oct. 28 was more than \$43,600 above the amount raised at the same period last year. The number of gifts likewise increased, 1,402 this year to 1,202 last year.

The Hospital's "direct quota benefit" this year is \$128,460. All money realized above that amount reverts directly to the Hospital.

### TEAM CAPTAINS

Heading the men's teams are James W. Foley, Trustees, and Dr. Henry S. F. Cooper, Joint Professional Staff.

The women's teams are headed by Mrs. C. Redington Barrett and Mrs. Ralph Boots, Presbyterian Hospital; Mrs. Charles E. Adams, Mrs. H. McLeod Riggins and Mrs. Stuart D. Preston, Neurological Institute; Mrs. Robert E. Carroll and Mrs. Robert M. Day, New York Orthopaedic Hospital, and Mrs. Robert H. Burrows and Mrs. J. Taylor Howell, Babies Hospital.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL: QUADS

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teacher in Brooklyn and Martin is employed by a downtown law firm.

Married for six years, they learned some months ago that Rhoda would have a multiple birth. The anticipation mounted when they came to Sloane Hospital on October 22nd. During the next 24 hours it became apparent that Mrs. Brecker would be unable to give birth normally, and the babies were delivered by Caesarian the day after her admission to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Brecker (he's a 5 foot 6 inch 110 pounder and she's a petite 4 foot 10 inch 90 pounder) are delighted and still somewhat stunned by the reality of their blessed event. They've been showered with gifts and good wishes and one unexpected and undesired party in their apartment.

Mr. Brecker spent the weekend after the birth of the quadruplets at the home of his in-laws. His unoccupied apartment was robbed

over that weekend, and the burglar spent part of his time drinking what was available in the liquor cabinet and leaving the apartment in disarray.

This unhappy note, is overshadowed, fortunately, by the progress of the growing family and the offer of a new, six and one half room air conditioned apartment, rent-free for two years.

1963 has been a big year for the Breckers—and for Sloane Hospital.



PROUD PARENTS OF QUADRU-  
PLETS, MARTIN AND RHODA  
BRECKER, MEET THE PRESS.

## ON THE SHELF New Books in Milbank Library

### NON-FICTION

**The Education of American Teachers**, by James B. Conant. A criticism of the American educational system that may revolutionize the teaching profession.

**The Age of Louis XIV**, by Will and Ariel Durant. A history of European civilization in the period of Moliere, Cromwell, Milton, Peter the Great, Newton and Spinoza: 1648-1715.

**A Fortune in the Junk Pile**, by Dorothy Jenkins. How to identify and evaluate antiques of all kinds—furniture, silver, pottery, books, glass, lamps, etc.

**By Quentin Reynolds**, by Quentin Reynolds. An autobiography covering the author's Brooklyn boyhood, his Brown University student days and his career as a reporter.

### FICTION

**The Living Reed**, by Pearl Buck. Through this novel of family life in Korea we learn a good deal of Korean history from 1881 through World War II.

**Powers of Attorney**, by Louis Auchincloss. Twelve brilliant short stories about the dramatic, humorous and ironic crises that make up the law firm of Tower, Tilney and Webb.

**A Wake in Ybor City**, by Jose Yglesias. A penetrating insight into a segment of our society never before dramatized—the Cuban-American world of Florida.

**The Last Love**, by Thomas B. Costain. A fictionalized account of Napoleon's stay with the Balcombes on the island of St. Helena and of his love for their daughter Betsy.

**Scandalous John**, by Richard Gardner. The comic tale of a Quixotic old vet who fancies himself Scandalous John, gunman, ladies' man and old style trail boss.

## Doctors Air Views On Maternal Care

A radio program "Seventy-five Years of Maternity Care" will be broadcast on station WABC, 770 on your dial, at 10 a.m. next Sunday, to hail the seventy-fifth anniversary of The Sloane Hospital for Women. Drs. D. Anthony D'Esopo and Harold Speert are the participants.

Another program produced here at the Medical Center was broadcast on November 3 over the same channel when Drs. William Langford and Herbert Rackow with Nurse Mary Jane Oana taped a panel discussion on "Preparing Your Child for Surgery."

## Yule Windows Will Enhance Holiday Aura

The annual Christmas Window Decorating Contest will take place this year from December 6 through the 19. Preliminary judging will be on the 20th and final judging on December 23, it has been announced by Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., contest committee chairman.

Paints and brushes for painting Christmas scenes on windows, doors, etc. can be obtained after December 4th from the Occupational Therapy Department, B.H. 5-532 any week day morning before 11 A.M. Painting should not be started before December 6th.

Entry blanks will be available at the Nursing stations and Public Interest Department on December 6th and should be returned to Public Interest by December 16th.

The committee for the Contest includes Helen Cicocca, Social Service, Lillian Oring, Personnel; Harriet Phillips and Robert Demarest, Medical Artists; Dr. Meyer M. Melicow, Dr. Henry S. F. Cooper, Dr. Jerome P. Webster, Dr. Carl R. Wise.

Also Mrs. Edna McNeil and Mrs. Patricia A. McLean, DOS; Martha Haber R.N., Neuro; Gladys Barrett, R.N. Mary Harkness Unit; Sgt. Edwin H. Behlmer, Protective; Mrs. Roger Seebe, Volunteer; Janet Swanson, R.N. Nursing; Dorothy Delamater, R.N. IOPH, and Amarylius Ticnor, Recreational Director, Maxwell Hall.



NURSE'S BIZARRE FRIENDS ARE FOR NURSES' BAZAAR

Student nurse Susan Strom's cute little friends are among the hundreds of items that will be for sale at the "Ports of Call" Bazaar on Dec. 12 in Maxwell Hall. Susan is chairman of the bazaar, being sponsored by the junior class. Sixty per cent of the proceeds go to nursing scholarships, 20 per cent to the hospital ship S.S. HOPE, and 20 per cent to send a student nurse to the International Council of Nurses convention next year in Germany.

Interested persons may help make the bazaar a success by donating homemade items, such as these little stuffed animals, baked goods, books, records, jewelry, paintings, prints, and other art objects—in fact, almost any saleable items. Donations for the bazaar should be brought to Maxwell Hall or left with Mrs. Cunningham in the Nursing Office, PH-4. Questions may be referred to the Maxwell Hall switchboard, LO 8-5600 or tie line extension 75.



# 75 YEARS DEDICATED TO WELL

## Naughty Mary Sloane Cook Extraordinary

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to have infected more than 1,350 persons. She contracted the fever in 1901 while working as a cook in a private home, and from that time on, was a carrier.

In 1903, investigators seeking the source of a typhoid epidemic that struck 1,300 persons in Ithaca, N. Y., narrowed their search to one home. Employed there as a cook was Mary Mallon.

After four more years of spreading her infection everywhere she went, Typhoid Mary was seized by agents of the New York City Department of Health and committed to the Detention Hospital.

Only after promising never again to work as a cook for others was she released on parole in 1910. Unfortunately for Sloane Hospital personnel, it was a vow she didn't keep.

When the Sloane officials of 1915 finally focused their suspicions on their new cook, Typhoid Mary requested a few hours' leave from her duties to attend to some personal matters.

She never returned.

DR. JAMES W. McLANE, was the first director of The Sloane Hospital For Women, a post he held from 1887 to 1898.



DR. EDWIN B. CRAGIN was Sloane Hospital's second director, serving in that capacity for 20 years from 1898 to 1918.



DR. WILLIAM E. STUDDIFORD, who succeeded Dr. Cragin, was director of The Sloane Hospital For Women from 1919 until 1925.



AGNES I. BYRNE, was Superintendent of Sloane Hospital and Director of Nursing from 1920 until 1930.

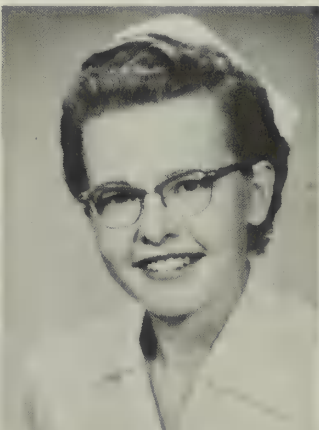
LOTTIE M. MORRISON, who succeeded Miss Byrne, was Director of Obstetrical Nursing at Sloane Hospital for 27 years, from 1928 until 1955.



DR. BENJAMIN P. WATSON, served as director of Sloane Hospital for two decades, from 1926 until 1946.



DR. HOWARD C. TAYLOR, JR., has been director of The Sloane Hospital For Women since 1946.



MARY I. CRAWFORD, who succeeded Miss Morrison in 1955, has been Assistant Director of Nursing (Obstetrics) in The Sloane Hospital For Women since that time.



## Dr. D'Esopo Cites Sloane's Fight For Maternal Health

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been regarded as one of the major public health documents of the first half of the 20th century in America. Just five years after its publication, in 1938, Dr. Watson was elected president of the New York Obstetrical Society.

### "CHILDBED FEVER?"

The careful use of aseptic techniques, and the subsequent availability of blood and antibiotics provided the means to eradicate most causes of childbirth fatalities. Puerperal infection, commonly known by its household name "childbed fever" 30 years ago, is unknown to younger generation Americans.

Dr. D'Esopo, who was the resident in obstetrics at Sloane Hospital when it moved to the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in 1928, explained that more traumatic deliveries through the use of instruments increased the likelihood of hemorrhage and subsequent shock three decades ago. Since there were no blood banks, provisions for transfusion were not readily available.

In modern obstetrics, these traumatic births are avoided by the use of cesarean sections.

"We could have performed cesareans instead of running the danger of hemorrhage and injury to the newborn by use of instruments to help the delivery, but there was an even greater danger of infection resulting from the cesareans," he pointed out.



THE SLOANE MATERNITY HOSPITAL

1887-1897



THE SLOANE MATERNITY HOSPITAL

1897-1911



# BEING OF WOMEN

Antibiotics virtually eliminated the danger of infection, making cesareans more common and desirable in recent years for prospective mothers who are unable to deliver normally.

"Although the maternal death rate due to puerperal causes has gone down from 24.1 in 10,000 births 30 years ago to 5.1 in 10,000 during the last 10 years at Sloane Hospital, the same dramatic decline has not been evident in the death rate among the newborn," Dr. D'Esopo said.

## CONTINUING STUDIES

"Certainly, advances have been made in pediatrics to reduce newborn fatalities, but the decrease has been very gradual. It appears that the principal cause of infant mortality is premature birth, and one of the great forward steps to be made in obstetrics is to learn what controls labor. There must be a hormonal control which triggers the labor process. If we can learn what this is, perhaps we can control it so labor won't start prematurely.

"The problems related to maternal welfare are broad in scope and encompass all the many aspects of human reproduction," Dr. D'Esopo continued.

"They are related in a very direct way to the happiness that may be found within the framework of sex, marriage and family life. Failure in any of the facets of the reproductive process may lead to a serious breakdown in the family structure.

"Much is known in this field of medicine but a great deal more needs investigation. Obstetricians were at

first interested in the basic problems that arose in the labor room. These were the complications that threatened the life of mother or baby. To save these was their chief goal. In spite of the tremendous progress that has been made in this direction our work is not yet done for about 4,000 women die annually in our country from the hazards of childbirth. Beyond this many more women and babies survive only to be afflicted with some defect which causes invalidism in later years. A more modern and realistic goal of obstetrics is to insure that mothers and babies not only survive but remain healthy and uninjured. Our work in the labor and delivery room must be visualized as extending to the middle years of the mother and the period of growth and development of the child.

## CHILDLESS MARRIAGE

"Failure of the reproductive process may also be measured by the large number of early terminations of pregnancy and premature births. The research effort in pregnancy wastage is appallingly small. Perhaps this due in part to the population inflation in qualitative demographic terms. Yet for the family where there are no children either because of repeated abortions or premature births or from infertility, a childless marriage may deprive society of valuable citizens and at the same time lead to conflicts in the marital relation which may ultimately lead to its dissolution," Dr. D'Esopo said.

He added that the fields of psychiatry and mental

hygiene must be brought in closer relationship to the reproductive process, pointing out that, "fear of conception, of pregnancy and labor and lack of motivation toward the maternal role need clarification in psychodynamic terms.

"Psychiatrists agree that the mother-child relationship in the early years is most important in the development of our personalities. Obstetricians may be missing opportunities to educate their patients during the ante-partum period for the part they must play as new mothers.

## SEEK MORE DATA

"Finally, the broader aspects of maternal welfare take on coloration that blends into the field of social anthropology. The extent to which premarital education, marital counselling, birth control and sterilization may determine the qualities of family structure need study and the answers may point to basic needs of effective parenthood," Dr. D'Esopo said.

He predicted that the obstetrician-gynecologist, standing at the complicated switchboard which controls Nature's great urge to bring forth a new generation, will learn to push the right buttons so that, "he can subdue or circumvent her miraculous, yet heedless, stumbling ways and point the way to much that is fundamental to family unity and happiness."

"The staff of The Sloane Hospital can look backward over the past 75 years with pride of accomplishment," Dr. D'Esopo observed. "For the future," he added, "there is need for greater



PRIVATE PATIENTS' DELIVERY ROOM — At the turn of the century, this is what the delivery room looked like in The Sloane Hospital For Women.

## SLOANE SEEKS BABIES OF '88

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Presbyterian Medical Center since 1928, wish to invite persons born in the hospital in 1888 to be guests at the anniversary banquet November 15 at the New York Hilton.

Sloane Hospital had its beginning at 59th Street and Amsterdam Avenue on January 9, 1888.

The first baby born in the hospital, a seven-pound female named Mantell, arrived on January 12. During the remainder of 1888, the hos-

pital recorded 253 additional live births, almost half to immigrant mothers from Ireland and Germany.

(Total deliveries now number 169,000; almost 5,000 deliveries are recorded annually).

Sloane officials consider their quest for surviving 1888 babies a difficult one. A baby born in New York at the time had no better than a 50-50 chance of attaining maturity. (There were no "miracle" drugs and the basics of nutrition and hygiene were a mystery to most parents.)

To further complicate the search, survivors may be living outside the New York-New Jersey area and women have probably changed their name through marriage.

team play with biochemists, endocrinologists, geneticists, pediatricians, psychiatrists and sociologists to advance knowledge and achievement in the broader scope of this important field of medicine."

WHEN SLOANE HOSPITAL HAD ITS OWN TROLLEY — Circa 1900, and for many years thereafter, the new babies were transported to their mothers for feeding on a baby trolley.





## KATHY HORSTMAN FROSH PRESIDENT

Kathleen A. Horstman of Scotia, N. Y., has been elected president of the first-year class of nursing students.

Terry Williams of Windsor Locks, Conn., is vice president; Kathryn Farnham of Mendham, N. J., is secretary, and Dorothy Katherine Klinck of Lennoxville, Quebec, Canada, is treasurer.

Other officers include Helga Hartmann, secretary to the activities council; Martita Maria Marx, residence council; Barbara Bechtold and Anna Draper, executive board, and Marcia Johnson, representative to the Student Nurses Association of New York State.

Also, Virginia Ann Kidd and Barbara Ellen McCabe, judiciary board, and Marjorie Ann Ayers and Jane



Kathleen Horstman

Mitchell, student government association nominating committee.

## Centrex Is Working Well; Direct Dial % Is 80-85

Centrex, the Medical Center's ultra-modern direct dialing telephone system, was seven months old Oct. 31. According to reports, it is doing quite well, thank you.

The telephone committee announces that 80 to 85 per cent of all calls coming into the Medical Center are dialed properly and go directly to the desired extension.

This direct-dial percentage is considered to be satisfactory at this point, although the committee hopes that the percentage will level off somewhat above 85 by the time Centrex is a year old.

Everyone can help improve Centrex's direct-dial average by following three simple suggestions from the committee:

1. Type your Centrex number on all outgoing correspondence.
2. Tell all persons dialing you for the first time that you may be dialed directly.
3. Continue to send out Centrex postal cards whenever necessary. They are available on requisition from the stationery store in the Service Building.

## Chief Residents Lead Busy Lives

### Slavonic Studies — to Medicine

Dr. John L. Buchanan, chief resident in medicine at Presbyterian Hospital, was tempted by Slavonic studies and a career in foreign service before deciding to enter a profession which holds considerable attraction for his family.

His father and two brothers are physicians, as was his maternal grandfather.

A native of Wray, Colo., Dr. Buchanan received his A.B. in 1953 from Dartmouth and then pursued graduate studies at Oxford, receiving an M.A. in Russian in 1955. Subsequently he entered Harvard Medical School.

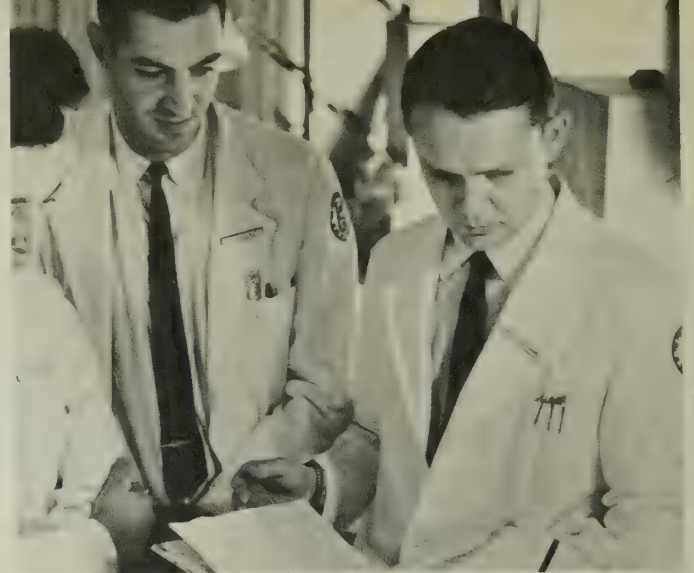
He has served his internship and residency at Presbyterian and was appointed chief resident in medicine last July.

"The chief resident's responsibilities are more advisory than supervisory," he explained.

The nature of Dr. Buchanan's responsibilities vary considerably from day to day, but include a good deal of reviewing cases with first year residents, interns and third year medical students; reviewing current medical literature; pursuing research in a medical laboratory and arranging for conferences, the most important of which are the team rounds at 4:30 every Thursday for members of the attending and house staffs and students.

Dr. Buchanan plans to remain on the medical staff after completing his residency June 30th, in order to devote full time to medical research.

Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan, the former Caroline White of New York, and their two children, William and Catherine Ann, live in Palisades Park, N. J.



Dr. John Buchanan confers with residents in Medicine

### Southern Cooking — and Pediatrics

Dr. Martha K. Sharpless, chief resident in pediatrics, has a Southern drawl, Southern education, likes to cook Southern recipes, and admits she's looking forward to academic medicine and private practice in the South a few years hence.

A native of Goldsboro, N. C., she is an alumna of Duke University and the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. She met her husband, Dr. Edward A. Sharpless in medical school. He is a resident in pathology at Bellevue Hospital.

She came to Babies Hospital three years ago, after completing internship and a first year of residency at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

The Doctors Sharpless and their 2-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, live at 250 Fort Washington Ave. A woman comes in daily to take care of Elizabeth, while her mother assumes the responsibilities of a chief resident at Babies Hospital from about 8:15 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"There's a good deal of administrative work involved," Dr. Sharpless explained.

"The chief resident arranges five conferences a week, a weekly meeting of the Journal Club for resi-

dents, grand rounds and so on. Then there are meetings with public health people, checking lab results on patients and supervising precautionary measures for children with infectious diseases. The chief resident is senior resident for the patients on the 11th floor, does rounds with the four senior residents each morning, and teaches medical and nursing students," she added.

This busy schedule, which includes the responsibility of acting in an advisory capacity to the other 22 residents in pediatrics, is added to by Dr. Sharpless' duties in clinics two days a week and her research interests.



Dr. Martha Sharpless



### PATIENT GOBLINS

Halloween was a happy time for little patients in Babies Hospital. An assist goes to student nurse Susan Lois Young, who helped with mask-making.

## In Memoriam

### DR. LAWRENCE DURANTE

Dr. Lawrence J. Durante, a resident in Squier Urological Clinic, died Oct. 26 in Harkness Pavilion. He was 28 years old.

A 1957 graduate of Princeton, Dr. Durante received his M.D. in 1961 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons. While

attending P&S, he was recipient for four years of the Edward John Noble Foundation leadership grant. He served his internship at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Dr. Durante was a member of the Air Force Reserve.

Surviving him are his parents and a sister.



## Dr. Davidson Named P&S Alumni Exec. Secretary



Dr. Harold Davidson

Dr. Harold Davidson, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Class of 1921, has been named Executive Secretary of the P&S Alumni Association. In his office on the first floor of the College Dr. Davidson will be available on a part-time schedule to provide alumni services and act as alumni liaison between the college, university, and hospital.

Formerly president of the P&S Alumni Association, Dr. Davidson has been a prime mover in Alumni affairs. He was an organizer of the Alumni Day and Din-

ner, was one of three P&S representatives in the Columbia University Alumni Federation and a member of the Board of Directors and has been Chairman of the membership committee of the P&S Alumni Council. In 1956 he was awarded the Columbia Alumni Federation medal for distinguished service.

Dr. Davidson has been on the staff at Lenox Hill Hospital since 1921. He served Harlem Hospital for 10 years before his retirement in 1948, and is now emeritus attending obstetrician and gynecologist.

In 1943 he was chairman of the Board of Censors of the New York County Medical Society and in 1945 was chairman of the Maternal Welfare Committee and chairman of the Section on Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Academy of Medicine. From 1947-48 he served as president of the New York County Medical Society for which he received a citation.

A versatile hobbyist, Dr. Davidson is an enthusiastic swimmer, an astronomer, a photographer, and an equestrian, the latter a carry-over from his field artillery experiences during World War I.

## Weinberg Aid Puts 21 P. H. Employees In Scholar's Seat

Twenty-one employees of Presbyterian Hospital are enrolled in advanced job-related studies this fall with financial assistance from the Sidney J. Weinberg Educational Aid Reimbursement Plan.

Fifteen of the part-time students are degree candidates: two for masters, seven for bachelors, six for associates in arts.

Employees whose applications have been approved are Ann Ametta, secretary, Harkness Hall; Mrs. Stella Anderson, practical nurse; Patricia Cassman, lab technician, Hematology; Margaret Corley, Neuro x-ray technician; William Delaney, account representative, Collection Dept.; Richard Dempsey, key punch operator, Accounting, and Barbara Ehrlich, medical secretary, Neuro Social Service.

Also, Carol Geer, Emmeth Hendrickson, Geraldine Hill, and Walter Wil-

son, lab technicians, Clinical Pathology; Nancy Greene, occupational therapist; Grace Hostetter, diet aide, Food Service; Winifred Karp, recreational therapist, Nursing, and George Lumley, assistant project director, Maintenance and Construction.

Also, Loretta Perkins, lab technician, Clinical Chemistry; Joseph Ranucci, pharmacist; Mrs. Edith Rodrigues, physical therapist; Thomas Rowe, accountant, Comptrollers; Rosemary Scully, supervisor, Physical Therapy, and Elizabeth Sheffield, secretary and assistant tour hostess, Public Interest.

The Weinberg educational aid plan pays up to 50 per cent of the tuition fee for one to six credits each semester, or the equivalent for non-credit courses.

Any full-time employee of Presbyterian Hospital with at least six months' service may request assistance under the plan, provided he plans to take job-related courses in a school of recognized standing.

## Ethiopian Emperor Tours Neurological Institute

Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, paid his second visit in a decade to the Medical Center recently. He added a tour of the Neurological Institute to the busy itinerary followed during his state visit to the United States.

The 73 year old emperor, 225th successor in a direct line from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, said he wanted to meet some of the people in the hospital where his granddaughter's life was saved.

During his last trip to the United States, in 1954, Haile Selassie spent three days at Columbia-Presbyterian for a checkup. Last spring, his granddaughter, Princess Aida Desta Segum, underwent brain surgery here and was hospitalized for six weeks.

Dr. Melvin D. Yahr, assistant dean, was the emperor's host during the tour. Dr. Yahr presented a Lenox China plate with a rendering of Neurological Institute to the Ethiopian ruler as a gift from the staff.

Expressing his gratitude for the gift, the emperor remarked that he had already received from the hospital the "most precious gift of my granddaughter's life."

As he toured through Neurological Institute, the emperor took obvious pleasure in stopping frequently to shake hands with patients and wishing them well. The emperor expressed particular admiration for the facilities and achievements of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation service. He conversed in French with the patients and staff through Claude B. Dufault, Director of Public Interest.



Emperor Haile Selassie is welcomed to the Neurological Institute by Dr. Melvin D. Yahr, who was the Ethiopian ruler's host during his visit.



The Emperor was accompanied on his tour of the hospital by (from left) Claude B. Dufault, Robert Harron, Dr. Edgar Housepian, Dr. Yahr (behind Dr. Housepian), Dr. Kermit L. Pines and Miss Martha Haber (not shown).

The Emperor presented Gold Commemorative Coins to X-ray technician, Donna Siparek, and Martha E. Haber, Assistant Director of Nursing.





## Unplayed Zither Will Be Mastered, Mrs. Titus Vows

One of Ruth Titus's Christmas presents last year was a zither and it turned out to be the only gift she hasn't used yet. She doesn't know how to play it.

"But now that I'm going to have more time to myself, I've made up my mind to take lessons and learn how," said Mrs. Titus, who retired Oct. 25 as floor clerk on the 11th floor annex of Harkness Pavilion.

Another of her retirement projects: "to go see all the wonderful museums in New York City and elsewhere that I never had time to visit before. I'm fascinated by items that recall our American heritage."

Mrs. Titus was born Ruth Tyler in Wilkes Barre, Pa. Her father, who died seven years ago at 95, was a third cousin of John Tyler, tenth President of the United States.

She was married only 16 years when her husband died in 1936, leaving her with five daughters to raise.



Mrs. Ruth Titus

"They were good kids, which made bringing them up easier," she said.

Mrs. Titus became a nurse's aide, first at St. Luke's Hospital then in 1944 in Squier Urological Clinic here. She worked in Squier until 1947, when she came down with malaria, which a son-in-law brought back with him from the Philippines.

She returned to the Medical Center as a nurse's aide in January 1950 and was appointed floor clerk at Harkness Pavilion in 1954.



## AH, SWEET MYSTERY...

*The Medical Center has a Mystery Woman.*

*She's a stately, auburn-haired beauty with eyes of blue and features of rare nobility. She appears tall, 5-feet-6 or so, and her weight may be 130 or 135. Not overweight, mind you, but with flesh enough so you know, from first glance, that she is a woman.*

*And you realize in the same glance that she is a woman accustomed to the finest. Her gown of pale yellow is exquisitely made, a stole of costly fur drapes over her shoulder, a fan of ostrich plumes is in her left hand, and a large ring set with ruby and pearl dazzles on her right.*

*Her age? Perhaps 35 or 40. Who knows a lady's age! The Mystery Woman is the subject of a life-size portrait that hangs on the 20th floor annex of Milbank Library.*

**Who is she?**

**That is the mystery.**

*Dozens of portraits hang in various areas of the Medical Center. All the subjects are known except for this one.*

*The anonymous lady posed for her portrait in New York City in 1903 or 1907, the exact date uncertain because of the artist's illegible signature. As closely as could be determined, the artist signed himself Francois Flanor.*

*(How an artist may possess the manual dexterity to accurately portray a subject on canvas, but not to sign his name legibly, is another mystery.)*

*Whoever the Mystery Woman is, she must have had some affiliation with the Medical Center or one of its units. It seems unlikely the Center would possess her portrait otherwise.*

*Anyway, officials of Presbyterian Hospital want to learn her identity, so they can set their records straight.*

*If you know who she is, please contact the Office of Public Interest, extension 1911. It's nice to know a lady's name especially one with such an aura of mystery about her.*

## P&S NAMES DR. EAGLE AS ASSISTANT DEAN

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title of associate professor of pediatrics. While at St. Luke's he served on the P&S faculty as associate clinical professor of pediatrics, a part-time post. He continues as associate attending pediatrician at Babies Hospital.

He succeeds Dr. Ralph W.

Richter, who resigned as assistant dean on June 30 to join the Department of Neurology at Presbyterian Hospital Medical Center, San Francisco.

A graduate of Yale University (1940) and P&S (1943), Dr. Eagle interned at St. Luke's in 1944, was assistant resident in Pedi-

atrics at Presbyterian Hospital, 1948-49, and resident in pediatrics at Buffalo (N. Y.) Children's Hospital.

Dr. Eagle served as an anesthesiologist with the Army Medical Corps from Oct. 1944 to Aug. 1947, during most of that period with the 309th General Hospital in Fukuoka, Japan.

## Miss Haseltine Plans An Active Retirement

Olive Grace Haseltine has kept pretty busy around the Medical Center for almost 35 years and she vows she'll continue to be just as active in retirement.

"I have a lot of people to see and a lot of things to do. Time won't lag for me," said Miss Haseltine, who has retired as Supervisor of Medical Information. A farewell party in her honor was held October 25 in the Doctors' Dining Room.

Among the things Miss Haseltine plans to do is travel, to see Hawaii, revisit Europe, inspect the World's Fair when it opens next year. "I'm very enthusiastic about traveling," she admitted. "I get excited making plans for a trip, enjoy myself thoroughly when I get where I'm going, then, after I'm home again, love to tell friends about what I saw and did."

### LIKES LINKS

She also hopes to play more golf. The game is another of her loves, although she stated quite candidly that she has "too much of a hockey swing to be very good at it."

By "hockey swing" she meant the type of swing she picked up while playing field hockey at Wheaton College, where she was president of the Athletic Association.

She majored in chemistry and mathematics and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Wheaton, which is in Norton, Mass. The college isn't too far from Milford, N. H. where she was born of old Yankee stock. Her father was a lumber dealer in Milford.

### LONG SUMMER

After college she worked for a while as secretary to the medical director at Foxboro (Mass.) State Hospital before coming to New York. She began her employment at the Medical Center June 17, 1929 as secretary to the attending surgeons in the Department of Surgery.

"It was to be just a summer job," she said, "but it's been a long summer."

Early in 1930 she became secretary to the late Dr. Frederick MacCurdy, superintendent of Vanderbilt Clinic. She served two of his successors at the Clinic before assuming her duties

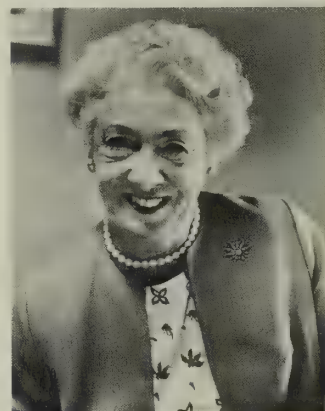
He is married to the former Elizabeth Babcock of Portland, Maine. They have six children, J. F. Eagle, III, 19, a sophomore at Colby College; Anne, 16; Breckenridge, 14; Sally, 12; Frank, 9; and Elizabeth, 5.

## Dr. E. V. Zegarelli Lectures Dentists On Mouth Tumors

Some 250 dentists in the Greater New York area are attending a free 10-week post-graduate course, "Tumors of the Mouth and Jaws," at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Lecturer is Dr. Edward V. Zegarelli, director of the Division of Stomatology at Columbia University's School of Dental and Oral Surgery and attending dental surgeon at Presbyterian Hospital.

The course, which is given on Wednesday nights, began on Oct. 9 and continues through Dec. 11. It is sponsored by the New York City Cancer Committee of the American Cancer Society.



O. Grace Haseltine

in Medical Information.

Now that these responsibilities are past, she hopes to use what free time she has left after traveling and golfing to catch up on her reading and put her stamp collection in order.

### STAMP ALBUM COLLECTS...

"I've collected postage stamps for years," she said, "but lately I've been so busy that the stamp book has just collected dust."

She indicated also that additional spare time may help her break a bad habit many of us share with her:

"Perhaps this year," she said, "I might get my Christmas cards mailed on time."





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## To Our Staff And Personnel:

It is appropriate during this season of giving that we recall the most valuable gifts we can give to our patients—comfort and skilled care to restore their health.

This is the task to which we dedicate ourselves throughout every day of every year. Many of our patients, as a result, are spending this joyous holiday season with their families.

Those who remain with us, have the assurance that the skills and compassion which it is our privilege to provide will continue in their behalf.

May you have a joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness.

A. J. BINKERT  
Executive Vice President

## You Can Play Santa to Our Little Patients

Individuals or organizations who wish to help make Christmas merry for our child patients through gifts of toys or money should contact Miss Elizabeth Callahan, unit manager of Babies Hospital.

Other interested persons may wish to dress a doll for the annual Dolls' Tea Party, to be held at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 18 in the Babies Hospital Board Room.

Some 200 dolls that will be given to our little girl patients on Christmas morning are to be "hostesses" at the tea. The dolls are presented each year by the Board of Women Managers of Babies Hospital and dressed by nurses, students, doctors' wives, volunteers, and other friends of the hospital.

Such generous contributions of time, toys, and money make it possible each year for Santa Claus—in person—to present a gift to every child who is hospitalized anywhere in the Medical Center at Christmas.



## HOME TO ALASKA FOR CHRISTMAS YOUNG PIONEER WELL AFTER SURGERY

A rather slight 13 year old boy who could win a freckle contest easily, took a long look upward at the imposing cluster of buildings that make up New York's Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. He owed his health—perhaps even his life—to some of the people he had come to know during the last few weeks as a patient in Babies Hospital.

His father, an athletic, young looking man stood silently by his side. The fear they had felt when they arrived in front of this hospital a month earlier had dissolved into the almost happy impatience to get back home to the "3-E" cattle ranch, which soon will become the first beef producing ranch along Alaska's Kenai Peninsula.

The boy, Dean Epperson, came to Presbyterian Hospital to undergo surgery for a rare, dangerous and sometimes lethal tumor which had invaded the area behind the left side of his face.

"I first met Dean a year ago in my clinic in Anchorage, Alaska," Dr. Milo Fritz recalled during a visit to Presbyterian Hospital when Dean was still a patient.

Dr. Fritz, a 1934 graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia-Presbyterian said Dean was sent to him by a general practitioner, Dr. John Fenger, of Homer, Alaska. Homer is a community of about 800 people, 38 back-country miles from the Caribou Hills where the Eppersons built a log cabin and became homesteaders 10 years ago.

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Many Christmas parties are scheduled for various areas of the hospital during the holiday season.

Entry blanks for window painting contest are available Dec. 6 at nurses stations and in Public Interest.

Return your window decorating contest blanks to the Public Interest Department, PH 4-32, by Dec. 16.

Remember our little patients on your shopping list. For details, contact Miss Callahan of Babies Hospital.

You may look forward to the lighting of outdoor trees each night, 4:30 to midnight, beginning at dusk, Dec. 16.



Caroling procession by nurses and house staff begins at 7:30 on Christmas Eve.

Housekeeping employees will deliver trees, wreaths, decorations to floors Dec. 18.

Religious observances will be held on Christmas morning in the Chapel.

Interest in the Dolls' Tea Party is running high. It's slated for 3:30 p.m. Dec. 18.

Special broadcasts of Christmas music will be heard daily over our own Channel 1.

Trays for patients will be festively decorated on Christmas by Food Service.

Mail cards to hospital friends early. Include their department in the address.

Annual Candlelight Vespers is scheduled this year for 5:15 p.m. Dec. 18 in Chapel.

Stethoscope's staff wishes to each and every one of you a very joyous Christmas.



# Doings of Doctors

## Mrs. McGuire Retires As A Nursing Aid At The Eye Institute

Mrs. Katherine A. McGuire, who has contributed a touch of the old blarney in recent years to the third floor of Eye Institute, was retired in mid-November.

As one might guess from her brogue, Mrs. McGuire came from Ireland, from County Mayo, to be exact. She arrived in the United States in 1923 and settled here in Manhattan.

Her employment at the Medical Center began Jan. 7, 1943. She was a housekeeper on the 6th floor of Harkness Pavilion for 10 years, then was a nursing aide on the 10th floor of Presbyterian Hospital for a couple years, before transferring to the Eye Institute about eight years ago.

A widow, she is the mother of two children, both born in 1933. "I almost had two New Year's babies in a row," she laughed.

Son John of Newburgh, a detective with the New York State Police, was born on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1933. Just an hour and a half less than a year later, on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1933, daughter Martha came into the world.

Now that she's retired, Mrs. McGuire is living with her daughter in an eight-room house in Orangeburg. She hopes to do some part-time work in nursing, perhaps two or three days a week.

And if her health is fine and the good Lord is willing, she may return to Ireland in June to see her nephew ordained to the priesthood.

## STETHOSCOPIA

Best wishes to newlyweds *Bridgette Friedman*, General Accounting, and *Dale Billings*; *Marjorie Holgerson*, IBM Unit, and *Richard Salvatore*; *Ita Malley*, EEG, and *Donald Slattery*; *Cora Duckett*, Telephone Room, and *Mr. Brown*; *Casmira Bednarz*, Mail Room, and *James H. Egan*; *Florence Moses* of Physical Rehabilitation and *Dane M. Long*.

*Catherine Baxter*, nurse on Neuro 8, has announced her engagement to *James Mack*, and *Elizabeth Gorczyca*, staff nurse PH, has announced her betrothal to *Patrick Meehan*, Harkness Front Office.

New grandchildren were welcomed by *Larry Pronek*, PH Cashier, who has a grandson, *Eugene Vincent*; *Sabina Magnus*, Credit Department, who has a granddaughter, *Connie Lynn*, as has *Ann Mangan*, Patients Accounts. *Frank Stingo*, upholstery foreman, welcomed his first grandchild, *Richard James Shannon*, and *Anne Giffo*, V.C. aide, her eighth grandchild but first grandson.

*Joseph Salerno*, junior accountant, has returned from military service and the Accounting Department welcomed new employees *James Kiernan*, *Kenneth Brian Taylor* and *Margaret Walsh* to General Accounting, *Clayton Leander* to Receiving, and *Adele Gordon* and *Mona Ryan* to the Posting Unit night force.

Social Service welcomed 11 students from the Columbia University School of Social Work. They are: *Misses Kay Kujala*, *Lynne Gold*, *Miriam Blackman*, *Ruth Cowan*, *Eleanor Kennedy*, *Margaret Melvin*, *Nancy Protonotarius*, *Katherine Glenn* and *Judith Leipsner*, *Mrs. Lorraine Tabakin* and *Peter White*.

*Mrs. Ann Babcock* has been promoted to Assistant Chief Operator in the Telephone Department, and in the Housekeeping Department *Roy Eberhardt* has been made V.C. Day Supervisor, *John Greene*, V.C. Evening Assistant Superintendent, *Charles Jennings*, V.C. Evening Head Porter, *Leon Williams*, *Bessie Davis*, *Mary Quinones*, PH Floor Housekeepers, *Clinton Howze*, PH Head Porter, and *Atha Tate*, HP Head Maid.

Vacation reports from Accounting tell us the *J. G. McCulloughs* stayed at his cattle ranch in Ames, N. Y. with a side trip to the lake region of Maine; *Mary O'Leary*, *Ann Lahiff* and *Margaret McKenna* visited Ireland and *Margaret* also visited Italy where she made a pilgrimage to *Castel Gondolfo*; *Gloria Swing* toured New England, spending a week in Vermont. *Betty DePace* vacationed at the Tuxbury Schoolhouse in New Hampshire.

*Katherine Kelly*, Telephone Department, vacationed in Florida; *Mary Carey*, PH aide, visited California; *Helen A. White*, P.H. aide visited friends in Florida; *Catherine MacLean*, secretary in the Nursing Office, did some island hopping in the Caribbean; *Barbara Greaney*, Record Department, spent six weeks in Ireland; *Louise Jiminez*, Record Department, spent her vacation in Mexico.

*Dr. Raffaele Lattes*, Director and Professor of Surgical Pathology, and *Dr. David Habib*, Professor of Clinical Surgery, participated in a two-way radio broadcast sponsored by the Albany Medical College Nov. 11 and Nov. 14 in a discussion on "Benign Diseases of the Breast." The first broadcast was beamed to hospitals in the Metropolitan area, and the second broadcast on Nov. 14 mostly to New England hospitals.

*Dr. Thomas V. Santulli*, Attending Surgeon and Chief of the Pediatric Surgical Service, was guest participant at the 49th Ross Conference in Pediatric Research on the subject of "Problems in Neonatal Surgery" held at the Children's Hospital, University of Pittsburgh, Oct. 24-26.

*Dr. Santulli* also presented a paper entitled, "Anorectal Problems in Infancy" in the Symposium on Proctology at the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons in San Francisco Nov. 1. On Nov. 14 he presented two papers on pediatric surgery as guest lecturer at the Pediatric Symposium of the St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Conn.

*Drs. George F. Crikelair*, Professor of Clinical Surgery, and *Francis C. Symonds, Jr.*, Instructor in Surgery, attended the International Congress of Plastic Surgery, held in Washington, D. C. Oct. 13-18. *Dr. Crikelair* presented a paper on "The Webster Library of Plastic Surgery."

During the four weeks prior to the Congress, and two weeks following the Congress, the Plastic Surgery Division was host to visitors from about fifty foreign countries. These foreign guests were observers and active participants in routine activities of the service, attending conferences, surgical rounds, and observing operations. *Mr. Patrick Clarkson* of Guy's Hospital in London was visiting professor for three days prior to the International Congress, during which time he lectured to the Plastic Surgery Staff on "Dupuytren's Contracture." He also conducted the Surgical Staff Conference and discussed "Recent Developments in the Treatment of Thermal Burns."

*Dr. Crikelair* also attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons and the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He was elected assistant secretary of the Society.

*Dr. Symonds, Jr.* also attended the American College of Surgeons meeting, at which time he was inducted as a fellow in the College.

*Dr. Cadvan O. Griffiths, Jr.*, Instructor in Surgery, attended the National Institute of Health Cleft Palate Symposium at Lancaster, Pa.

*Dr. Bard Cosman* joined the plastic surgery staff after two years in the Navy where he was chief of plastic surgery at St. Albans Naval Hospital.

*Dr. J. Lawrence Pool*, Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery, has just returned from Iran where he was invited to participate in the annual five-day meeting of the Middle East Neurosurgical Society held in Tehran, Ramsar, Isfahan, and Shiraz. Following this he spoke on the treatment of cerebral aneurysms at the Medical School of the American University in Beirut, Lebanon.

*Dr. James W. Correll*, Assistant Professor of Clinical Neurological Surgery, is now in Italy where he has been invited to discuss his investigative work on the neurogenic control of lipid metabolism at two symposiums on this subject.

*Sir John Carew Eccles*, winner of a Nobel Prize in October 1963, was invited here by *Dr. Dominic P. Purpura*, Associate Professor of Neurological Surgery to speak on "Post-synaptic inhibition in the cerebellum and hippocampus," on Oct. 28, 1963.

At the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons in San Francisco *Dr. John K. Lattimer* was Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Urology and participated in panel discussions on the use of cinema fluoroscopy with a diagnosis of disorders of the vesicle outlet in children. On Nov. 8 he went to Washington to be moderator of panel discussions on Pediatric Urology during the Kimbrough Urological symposium for the Armed Forces at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

## Alumnae Shops For Yule Gifts

Many special gifts, Christmas decorations and centerpieces are being offered in the Nursing Alumnae Gift Shops in Presbyterian Hospital and Harkness Pavilion.

Notable items include tiles and ash trays imprinted with an artist's colorful reproduction of the Medical Center and cups and saucers featuring the blue and white stripes and the pin of the School of Nursing.

Proceeds from the gift shops go to the Nursing Endowment Fund.



## AFTER 27 YEARS, A REUNION

*Mrs. Rosette Frommer*, secretary to *Dr. Meyer Melicow*, sits between her sister-in-law and brother on a bench in front of the Votif Church in Vienna, Austria. For *Mrs. Frommer* and *Istvan Gottwald*, her only brother, it was the first meeting since 1936. *Herr Gottwald* resides in Budapest, Hungary. *Mrs. Frommer* lived in Egypt until 1951, when she came to America.



# '63 SILVER QUILL TO GEN. CLAY

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, chairman of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Fund Campaign, has been selected to receive the 1963 Silver Quill Award.

The award, presented annually by the specialized business press of the United States, goes to General Clay for "most distinguished service to business, the nation and the free world."

Presentation will take place in Washington Feb. 6 at the 13th annual State of the Union Dinner, sponsored by National Business Publications, Inc.

In naming him for the honor, the award committee cited General Clay's achievements as statesman, soldier, humanitarian, and business leader.

Previous recipients of the Silver Quill include Herbert Hoover, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Admiral Arleigh Burke, and General James Doolittle.

General Clay is the second trustee of Presbyterian Hospital who has been singled out for the award. The other is Frederick R. Kappel, a trustee since 1957. He is chairman of the board, American Telephone & Telegraph Co., Inc.



Gen. Lucius D. Clay

## NURSES NEED DONATIONS FOR THEIR BAZAAR

Saleable items of all kinds, particularly homemade items, are still being sought for the annual Nurses Bazaar to be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12 in Maxwell Hall.

### PICK-UP POINTS

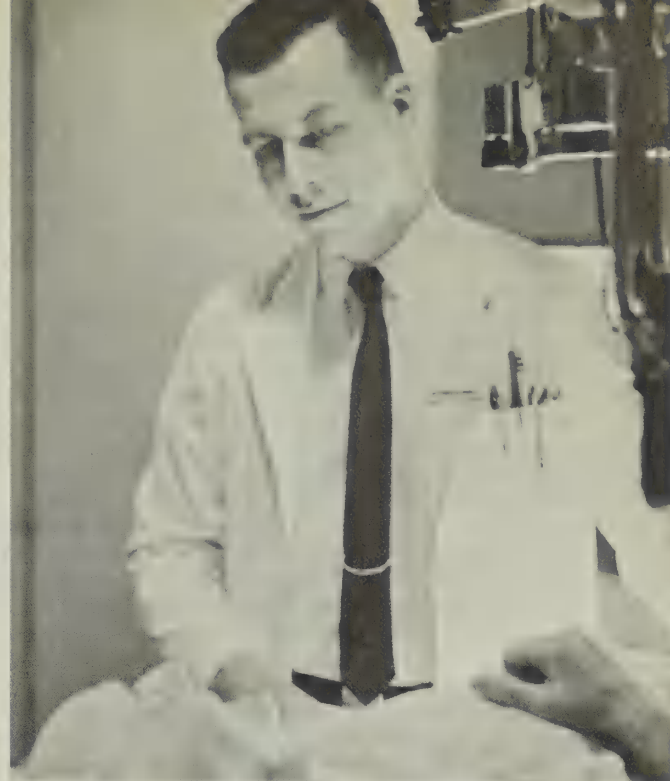
Donations may be left at Maxwell Hall or, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays, with Mrs. Cunningham in the Nursing Office, 4th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

## Louis Imperato, Retiring Plumber, Honored at Party

Louis Imperato, a plumber since 1954, was honored by his co-workers in Maintenance and Construction at a retirement party Nov. 15.

He has been a plumber for 42 years, with time out during World War II to work as a steamfitter at Halloran Army Hospital on Staten Island. He was also, in his youth, a semi-professional baseball shortstop and a trainer of fighters.

Married and a resident of the Bronx, Mr. Imperato hopes to work part-time as a plumber.



Dr. James Todd chats with a surgery patient.

## Day Is Long, Job Complicated, For Surgery's Chief Resident

Dr. James S. Todd, chief resident in Surgery, was born, reared and educated in Massachusetts. But he's been at the Medical Center for so long that most of the broad Boston "a's" have disappeared from his speech.

A native Cape Codder (his folks live in South Yarmouth), he was educated at Harvard College and Medical School, earning his M.D. in 1957. (He helped pay for his medical education by working summers as a policeman in Yarmouth).

Since he finished at Harvard, he's been at the Medical Center, first (July '57-July '58) as an intern in surgery, then for a year's residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Sloane Hospital for Women. Since July 1959 he's been a resident in the Department of Surgery.

As chief resident his duties are many and somewhat hard to define. His day is a long one, beginning at 7 a.m., if he's operating, a half-hour later if he's not.

It's often 6 to 8 at night before he leaves for home.

He performs an average of two or three operations weekly, sometimes as many as five or six, varying in length from four to ten hours.

Because he helps and advises other residents on surgical procedures, he is also a teacher and counselor to the resident staff.

He makes daily rounds of the surgical wards, checking on the progress of his patients, and discussing other cases with his residents. He is the liaison between residents and attending surgeons.

All injections of dye materials into arteries of ward patients (for the purpose of diagnostic x-ray procedures) are done under his supervision, often by Dr. Todd himself.

### WANTS TO SPECIALIZE

Every time he has the opportunity, he performs, under the direction of an attending surgeon, long and complicated surgical procedures, especially those involving the blood vessels and arteries. Dr. Todd wants to specialize in vascular surgery.

"Surgery is one specialty in which you must learn by doing," he said.

Dr. Todd has married within the Medical Center "family." His wife, the former Patricia Thorne of the School of Nursing Class of '56, is nursing supervisor on the 7th floor annex of Harkness Pavilion. They

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## Mystery Solved



Portrait Or Photograph

THE LADY IS EMILY VANDERBILT SLOANE



The Medical Center's Mystery Woman is a mystery no more.

Subject of a previously unidentified painting that hangs in Milbank Library annex, the intriguing lady has been revealed to be the late Mrs. William D. Sloane.

With her husband, Mrs. Sloane founded and endowed The Sloane Hospital for Women, which the Sloanes presented to Columbia University in 1886. She was the former Emily Thorn Vanderbilt, whose four brothers established Vanderbilt Clinic, also in 1886, as a memorial to their father, William H. Vanderbilt.

Positive identification of Mrs. Sloane was made by her daughter, Mrs. John Henry Hammond. Mrs. Hammond, born Emily Vanderbilt Sloane, said her mother was a remarkable woman who lived to the age of 94.

Mrs. Hammond, herself 89, recalled that as a girl she visited Sloane Hospital patients with her mother.

Others identifying the Mystery Woman included Mrs. Jerome P. Webster, Dr. Meyer G. Melicow, and Mrs. Oliver Gould Jennings, 93, former President of the Board of Women Managers of Babies Hospital.

As described in *Stethoscope* last month, the portrait of Mrs. Sloane was the only one of an unidentified

subject hanging at the Medical Center. It will be inscribed with a suitable plaque and rehung in Sloane Hospital, along with a portrait of the late William Douglas Sloane.



Happy young faces aglow with candlelight, 123 first-year nursing students appear for the first time in caps and blue and white striped uniforms at a dedication ceremony held Nov. 19 in Maxwell Hall.



# Dean Returns to Alaskan Ranch

"Dean had constant, severe nosebleeds. It was apparent that what is technically known as a naso-pharyngeal angiofibroma—a benign tumor—was causing this," Dr. Fritz said.

"I had him hospitalized in Anchorage and operated. This type of tumor is very difficult to get at and if any particle of it remains it will recur. Even though it isn't malignant, it erodes bone and blood vessels and can cause a fatal hemorrhage. I thought I had removed all of it, but warned Dean's father, Jack Epperson, that it might recur and if we didn't have the facilities to handle this problem, we would go to a hospital where it could be handled," Dr. Fritz added.

Dean seemed to do very well for a few months. Then the tumor recurred. A second operation was performed, and a few months later a third. Each time Dr. Fritz believed the entire tumor had been rooted out.

After the third operation, Dr. Fritz and his wife Elizabeth, a nurse, flew in his plane to St. Mary's, a Jesuit mission for children at the mouth of the Yukon River. (Dr. Fritz, who is an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, and his wife established a non-profit foundation to finance such free clinics. He once had to perform 70 tonsillectomies and adenoidectomies during a five day visit to this isolated mission.)

Returning to Anchorage, he learned from Dr. Fenger that Dean's tumor had recurred and was more serious than ever.

"I had previously written to Dr. John Conley in New York about this case, and had discussed it with Dr. Jack Lesh, of the Alaska Department of Health," Dr. Fritz said.

"I called Jack Lesh again and he made arrangements for the state to finance the trip to Presbyterian Hospital in New York for Dean and his Dad," he added.

Dr. Conley, an internationally known head and neck surgeon had already agreed to operate on Dean.

"You know," Dr. Fritz mused, "Dean is one of those wonderful, American boys. He takes his place in the family not only as a loved child, but also as someone the family depends upon for a man's work on the ranch every day. Dean, like all the Eppersons, is a real pioneer. They built a ranch from a tract of wilderness that, when they settled there, was just the way God left it on the seventh day."

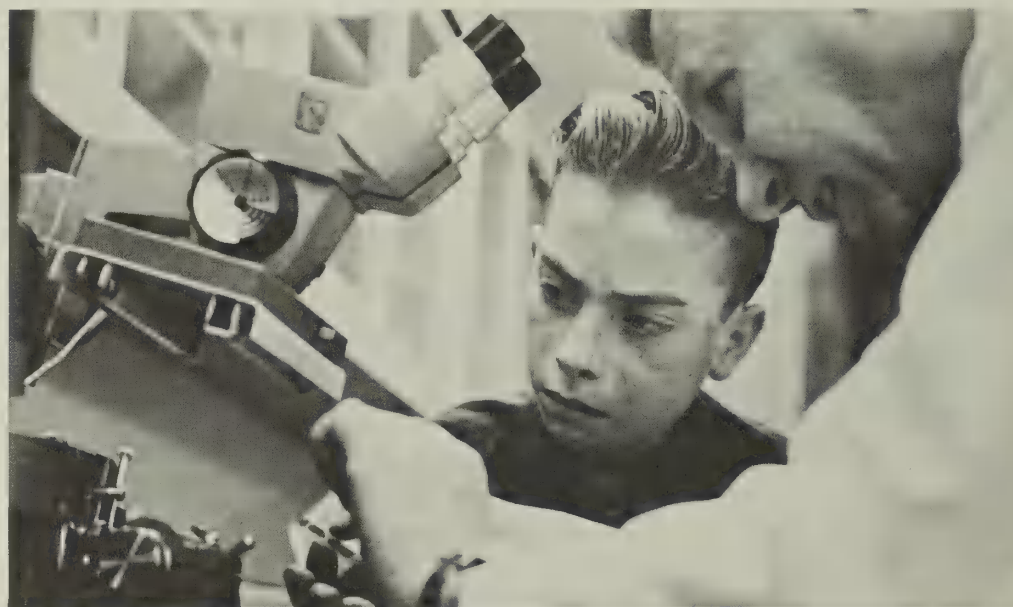
## NO MORE LOG CABIN

Dean was three years old when his family moved from Los Angeles, where his father had been a production control manager for a rubber factory, to their log cabin in Alaska. For his mother, Mary Epperson, (who has more freckles than Dean) it was the first time she had ever been outside of Los Angeles.

"My brother, Wayne, and I bought a surplus army truck and loaded it with farm tools, chain saws and building tools and drove to Alaska 10 years ago," Jack Epperson said.

"We had been saving money and buying tools and equipment for about 10 years before that. We originally came from a ranching family in Laramie, Wyoming. After my brother and I found the land we wanted and obtained three adjoining homesteads of 160 acres each, we sent for our families."

Instead of the original one-room log cabin there are three homes in a triangle at the "3-E" ranch today, and this winter the first 60 head of cattle are being cared for. During the next five years this will



CAPTIVATED, Dean watches as Dr. Donald G. McKay explains workings of an electron microscope.

grow to a herd of 500 brood cows. The government has leased 6,000 more acres to the Eppersons. Half of this is adjacent to their present land, the other half on an island in Cook Inlet, where the climate is so mild that the cattle can graze there year-round.

## MOOSE IN THE FREEZER

The original log cabin, which housed Jack and his family, his brother Wayne's family, a younger brother, Keith, and their 60-year-old mother, was cut up for firewood when they built their new homes.

"Log cabins are real picturesque, but they're not much to live in," said Jack Epperson candidly.

The three farm houses they built to replace the log cabin were constructed with home-cut lumber and other materials obtained through the Sears-Roebuck catalog.

"Just before we made this 3,500 mile trip to New

York, I put up a moose for the winter," Mr. Epperson pointed out.

When asked if he went moose hunting he said: "No, to save time and energy I just wait until one wanders into the front yard and shoot him."

On Oct. 10th, the Eppersons left their home in those rolling Caribou Hills overlooking the vast and spectacularly scenic view of Cook Inlet and the Kenai Mountain range. They drove their jeep along this fertile land where the grass grows six feet tall, and, contrary to common belief, the weather is mild. (The average temperature at 6 a.m. in the winter is a balmy 20 degrees above zero).

## "SCARED TO DEATH"

When they arrived in Homer, where townspeople had raised \$400 to help them out, Dean's mother and 16-year-old sister, Terry Lynn, stayed with friends. Homer is near a tiny fishing vil-

lage, Ninilchik, where Dean and Terry Lynn attend high school.

Dean and his father continued on to Anchorage, where they boarded a jet for the first trip to New York for either of them.

"We landed at Idlewild at 3 in the morning and stayed there until about 8 o'clock. Then we took a taxi to the city and went to Dr. Conley's office. We were both scared to death," Jack Epperson said later.

"After seeing Dr. Conley, we came up to the hospital and got lost a few times looking for the Babies Hospital information desk. But, as soon as we found it, everyone was so friendly and helpful that we felt a little more at ease," Mr. Epperson said.

While Dean was being admitted, Miss Lee Susczycki,

a member of the Social Service Department, obtained a room for Mr. Epperson in the medical students' residence, Bard Hall, where Dr. Fritz lived 20 years ago while a medical student.

A few days later, Dean was wheeled into an operating room. His long journey from Alaska had reached the destination unexpectedly placed in the path of his young life because a tumor threatened that life.

"When I examined Dean," Dr. Conley recalled, "I found the tumor extended from the nasal pharynx along a considerable area behind the left side of his face."

## TUMOR WAS TENACIOUS

"Planning an effective procedure to remove such a tumor involves a major surgical exercise. This type of tumor is so tenacious that a surgeon literally has to fight with it to dislodge it."

"Years ago, this was an extremely dangerous operation because this area can bleed profusely and there was risk of a severe hemorrhage. Furthermore, this prevented the surgeon from seeing clearly what he was doing. Even today, the recurrence rate of these unusual tumors—I've seen 20 in my lifetime—is about 70 per cent.

"Fortunately, we have a hypotensive anesthetic, which lowers the blood pressure enough to minimize bleeding. Consequently, I could get a good look at the tumor and surrounding areas. I could control the



Dean thanks the surgeon who restored him to health, Dr. John J. Conley, attending otolaryngologist.



# Yule Lights Go On At Sundown Dec. 16

The Medical Center's observance of Christmas 1963 begins at sundown Monday, Dec. 16, when the merry, colorful lights on our outdoor trees are turned on for the first time.

The large outdoor Christmas trees—a 35-footer in the Chapel garden and 25-footers atop the gatehouse in front of Vanderbilt Clinic, and in front of main entrances to Presbyterian Hospital and Maxwell Hall—will add a gay, festive touch of illumination to the Medical Center from 4:30 p.m. to midnight each evening through Jan. 2.

Trees, holly wreaths, and other traditional symbols of the Christmas Season will be distributed to various areas within the Medical Center on Dec. 18.

## HUNDREDS OF TREES

Miss Elizabeth R. Callahan, chairman of the Christmas Committee, said members of the Housekeeping Department will deliver throughout the Hospital some 250 artificial trees, 21,000 ornaments, 850 fire-proofed wreaths, 400 red-and-white candy canes, and many poinsettia plants.

All trees, wreaths, and other trimmings will be flame-proofed in keeping with strict Fire Department regulations, Miss Callahan stressed. All Christmas decorations will be collected by Housekeeping on Jan. 2.

Artistic creations on glass will add another cheery touch for the Yule season. Participants in the Christmas Window Decorating Contest will transform dozens of window, glass partitions and doors into colorful, seasonal "murals."

Paints and brushes for the Christmas artists are available any weekday morning before 11, beginning Dec. 5, from the Occupational Therapy Department, Babies Hospital 5-532. Painting is not to be started before Dec. 6, the day on which entry blanks become available at nursing stations and in the Public Interest Department. They must be filled out and returned to Public Interest by Dec. 16.

Preliminary judging of the artists' works will be Dec. 20 and final judging Dec. 23, when prizes will be awarded.

## PROCESSION OF SONG

All religious observances of Christmas will be held in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel, beginning with the Vespers Service on Dec. 18.

On Christmas Eve at 7:30 nurses and members of the house staff will take part in the traditional caroling procession through the patient care areas of hospital.



JOLLY LIGHTS FOR YULETIDE

Colorful electric bulbs on this 25-foot tree will add a bright touch to the entrance of Presbyterian Hospital from dusk to midnight daily, beginning Dec. 16.



THINGS BEGAN LOOKING UP for eight-year-old Bobby Gumson of Brooklyn, a patient in the Eye Institute, when two of his big heroes, football players Don Chandler, left, and Sam Huff of the New York Giants, came calling on Nov. 8 and left behind a football signed by all the Giants. A few minutes later, Bobby had a visit from baseball star Gil Hodges, formerly of the New York Mets, now manager of the Washington Senators, who presented him two baseballs. One ball was autographed by the Senators, the other by members of the marvelous Mets. The famous athletes came by to cheer up the sports-loving boy, who had undergone eye surgery the previous day.

## Christmas Calendar

### Christmas Parties:

CEREBRAL PALSY child patients' party: Doctors' Dining Room, 2 p.m. Dec. 8.

DOLLS' TEA PARTY, with display of dolls to be given child patients on Christmas: BH Board Room, 3:30 p.m. Dec. 18.

ORTHOPEDIC CHILD patients' party: BH-5, 2 p.m. Dec. 11.

PEDIATRIC CLINIC party for child out-patients of all services: VC-4, 3 p.m. Dec. 19.

MARY HARKNESS Convalescent Home party, sponsored by the Home's Auxiliary: 7 p.m. Dec. 17.

P&S CLUB party: Bard Hall, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20. (Dancing at 9 p.m.)

BABIES HOSPITAL staff party: Harkness Hall, 6 p.m. Dec. 19.

EYE INSTITUTE staff party: Harkness Hall, 5 p.m. Dec. 20.

RECREATIONAL THERAPY: party for patients: BH-12, 10:30 a.m. Dec. 20.

### Special Musical Events and Religious Services:

CANDLELIGHT VESPER Service: The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel, 5:15 p.m. Dec. 18.

STUDENT NURSES' GLEE CLUB, annual Christmas concert: Maxwell Hall, 8 p.m. Dec. 16.

### In the Wards:

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NEW YORK QUARTET, caroling on the wards: 2:30 p.m. Dec. 18.

PHYSICAL THERAPY CAROLERS, caroling on the wards, 6 p.m. Dec. 19.

VESPER CAROLERS, caroling on the wards, 5:15 p.m. Dec. 20.

DOCTORS AND NURSES in traditional caroling procession through the hospital: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24.

SANTA CLAUS will visit patients, young and adult, on Christmas morning.

Special Christmas Music over Bedside Broadcasting System (Channel 1):

ORGAN MUSIC AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS: daily from Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m.

### Half-hour Broadcasts:

SHELL CHORUS: 7 p.m. Dec. 16.

EQUITABLE LIFE CHORUS: 7 p.m. Dec. 17.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHORISTERS: 4:30 p.m. Dec. 19.

HOSPITAL MUSIC SERVICE: 3 p.m. Dec. 22.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON CHORUS: 7 p.m. Dec. 23.

### Christmas Day Religious Services in Chapel:

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS, 7 a.m.

PROTESTANT SERVICE with Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.

Alaskan Physician Milo Fritz, right, pays a return call to The College of Physicians & Surgeons. He is a 1934 graduate.

wound, instead of it controlling me, so to speak. And when I completed the operation, which took about three and one half hours, I knew that every bit of the tumor had been removed," Dr. Conley said.

Two weeks later, Dean was discharged from the hospital and progressing well in spite of a swollen left cheek. It had been necessary for Dr. Conley to sever Dean's jawbone to get at the tumor.

## A STORY FOR HOMEFOLKS

Dean is back home now, probably relating to his family and schoolmates his experiences in New York—what Presbyterian Hospital and that teeming metropolis, New York City, were like as seen through his eyes.

While the Eppersons have their boy back, the Alcantar family in Santiago, Chile, is anxiously awaiting the return of their 10-year-old son, Juan, now in Babies Hospital at Columbia-Presbyterian. Juan just underwent surgery for a tumor almost identical to the one that Dean had suffered from.

The people in Santiago—like Dean's friends in Anchor Point and Homer, Alaska—raised money to help finance his 5,250-mile trip to New York.

In both instances, many interested and generous people came to the aid of seriously ill boys. This enabled their families to send Dean and Juan to a hospital far from home, where dedicated care, outstanding skill and advanced facilities could restore them to health.



## P. H. EMPLOYEES HOPE TO BRING TO ISLANDS A STEEL BAND SOUND THEY'VE NEVER HEARD

Not too long ago, an enthusiastic group of New York entertainers who comprise a modified steel band and call themselves The Islanders were sitting atop a pretty pink cloud.

In competition with other hopeful performers, they had exhibited their unusual talents to millions of viewers of the Ted Mack television show. The audience liked them. They were winners.

"The future looked pretty rosy," said George Price, leader of The Islanders.

**George and two others of the seven-member act — Larry Petersen and Errol Peterson — work in Food Service at Presbyterian Hospital.**

On Sept. 15, they vied for another first prize on Ted Mack's Amateur Hour.

They received thousands of votes, but not enough.

Such a disappointment has broken up countless new acts, but The Islanders have no idea of quitting.

### FROM THE ISLANDS

The Islanders got together about two years ago in Harlem and formed a steel band. Selecting a name for the act was easy: all members come from the islands of the West Indies.

Their story has since been a search for newer, more appealing sounds. When they decided the primitive instruments of an all-steel band (such as heavy oil drums) limited the variety of sounds possible to them, they changed their instrumentation.

They added a guitar, congo drum, timbales, and a piano and found they could create the sounds of Afro-jazz, rock and roll, and Latin music while still retaining the pulsing rhythm and tinkling melody that is so pronounced in the jazz of the Caribbean.

Their new sound caught on and they were chosen last year to represent New York City in an international music festival held at the Hotel St. George in Manhattan.

Other successes preceded their appearances on the Ted Mack show, others have followed, and prospects for the future are promising.

They have made many appearances at summer camps and on college campuses, were seen on the Sonny Fox television show, and recently were featured in the "Naturally Pan-African Revue" at Rockland Palace, Harlem.

Through TV and personal appearances, they've been seen, and their special talents are desired. Their bookings include several shows in New York and Hartford, plus two big ones: a show at the Palm Gardens Feb. 2 for the Bahamas Scholarship Fund, and "A Night in Nassau" May 30 for the NAACP Legal Aid and Education Fund.

### "MUSICAL GENIUS"

Although the group continues to experiment with new sounds, its basic instruments are still those make-shift ones found in the steel bands of the West Indies.

Chief among these instruments is the steel drum. With The Islanders, the man who plays the lead or

first drum is Larry Petersen. George Price calls Larry "our musical genius."

Larry, a native of St. Croix, knows the secret of making a steel drum, of denting the top surface of a drum so that it will produce, when struck, a great variety of tones.

When he's finished with it, a steel drum will have the true pitch and range of a piano, Larry said.

Errol Peterson comes from St. Thomas. He can play almost any instrument The Islanders feature, but prefers the congo drum.

### DIG THAT SQUASH!

The instrument George Price plays is as primitive as the steel drum. George, who comes from Nassau, calls it a "guino." It's a hollowed squash with a serrated surface that is scraped with a stiff wire brush to produce a sound unique.

George Price's plans for The Islanders gives a good insight to the group's enthusiasm.

He hopes to take The Islanders to Nassau next fall.

Although a layman might think that taking a steel band to Nassau is about as wise as taking maple syrup to Vermont, George is optimistic.

"With our added instruments," he said, "I believe we'll bring to the West Indies a sound they've never heard before."

## From The Mailbag

**My wife has just returned home after what I believe was her thirteenth stay at Presbyterian Hospital and Harkness Pavilion. She has been a patient in many hospitals, but the nursing care at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center is unexcelled. I cannot let this pass without calling to your attention my feelings about the wonderful staff of nurses you direct.**

**All of these nurses are a credit to the nursing profession.**

**Their diligence to duty plus thoughtfulness and consideration play a great part in the recovery of a patient.**

**These are truly dedicated women and both my wife and I feel our lives have been enriched by having had the privilege of making such acquaintances. — From the husband of a former patient.**



AT LAB DEDICATION (from left) Dr. Arthur Blakemore, Mrs. Douglas MacArthur, Gov. Charles Edison, Mrs. Blakemore and Dr. George H. Humphreys, II.

## New Surgical Labs Dedicated

A tea and reception on November 19 marked the opening of two new laboratories in the Department of Surgery. The space for these installations on the 17th floor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons was reconstructed from an area which formerly housed animals, which have been transferred to the William Black Medical Research Building.

The new laboratories are: The Arthur H. Blakemore Laboratory of Cardiovascular Surgery and The Carolyn H. Edison Laboratory of Surgical Biochemistry.

The former was financed partially through Dr. Blake-

more's Cardiovascular Research Fund which was built up over many years by his patients and friends.

The Carolyn H. Edison Laboratory was partly financed from the Carolyn Edison Research Account in P&S with additional gifts from Governor Charles Edison and friends of Mrs. Edison.

Mrs. Edison, who died last June, had been a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Hospital and a member of the Corporation. She served as a Volunteer in Milbank Library, giving a total of 510 hours of service there.

## No '88 Babies . . . But Some Hopefuls

Sloane Hospital's search for members of its Class of '88 was unfruitful, but some interesting letters resulted after stories of the quest appeared in the N. Y. Daily News and the World-Telegram & Sun.

Hospital officials wanted persons born in Sloane during its first year of operation, 1888, to participate in the 75th anniversary banquet Nov. 15.

Four persons believed they made their world de-

but in Sloane 75 years ago, but a careful check of old records failed to substantiate their claims.

One woman wrote that she was born in October 1888 on West 62nd Street, three blocks from Sloane. "I don't suppose," she wrote with little confidence, "that this entitles me to an invitation to dinner?" (Not quite close enough.)

Perhaps the most amusing letter came from a jolly 75-year-old New Yorker. He just wanted to gloat happily because he had overcome considerable odds to survive to such a ripe age.

(The newspaper articles stated that, because of poor health standards of the time, babies born in '88 had no better than a 50-50 chance of surviving.)

"I wasn't born in your Hospital," he admitted. "In fact, I wasn't born in any hospital. There wasn't any hospital in the city in Maine where I was born.

"I must be one of the 50-50 chances of growing to maturity. I am a male and in the best of health." He signed himself: "Yours, one of the 50-50ies."



### Serving Up A West Indian Treat

Our Islanders: Erroll Peterson, left, and Larry Petersen, both of main cafeteria, and George Price, who works in the coffee shop.



## SEVERAL HUNDRED AT SLOANE ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES



Dr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Vande Wiele reminiscence with Dr. William C. Billings.



Mrs. Saul B. Gusberg and Mrs. C. Paul O'Connell enjoy the passing scene.



Master of Ceremonies was Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr.



Mrs. John Henry Hammond talks with Mr. Frederick A. O. Schwarz about her mother, Mrs. William D. Sloane, founder of Sloane Hospital for Women.



Dean H. Houston Merritt brings greetings from the medical school as Drs. MacLennan and Judd look on.

### ENDOWED CHAIR ANNOUNCED AT DINNER

The Sloane Hospital for Women celebrated a milestone on Nov. 15th with the observance of its 75th Anniversary highlighted by a banquet at the New York Hilton. On the occasion, Dr. H. Houston Merritt, Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, announced the endowment of a chair in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the first endowed chair in Sloane's long, illustrious history.

#### DAUGHTER OF FOUNDERS

Toastmaster for the dinner, Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr., introduced a dais of distinguished guests, including Mrs. John Henry Hammond, daughter of the founders of The Sloane Hospital, Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane.

The Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Jr., Chaplain of Presbyterian Hospital, delivered the invocation.

Speakers at the banquet, in addition to Dr. Merritt,

included Frederick A. O. Schwarz, Vice-President of the Presbyterian Hospital Board of Trustees; Dr. Benjamin P. Watson, Emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Grayson Kirk, President of Columbia University; Dr. George E. Judd, President of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and Dr. Hector R. MacLennan, President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

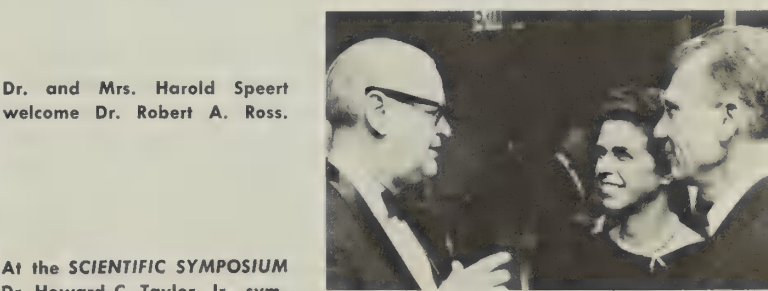


Drs. D. Anthony D'Esopo, honorary chairman, Anniversary Committee, Ray E. Trussell, Hospital Commissioner, and C. Paul O'Connell, Alumni President, on the dais.

Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., Mrs. Stanley M. Bysse, chairman, Women's Committee, and A. J. Binkert were were honor guests.



Dr. Willard C. Rappleye with Mrs. Grayson Kirk and Mrs. Rappleye.



Dr. and Mrs. Harold Speert welcome Dr. Robert A. Ross.

#### At the SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr., symposium chairman, enjoys lunch. Lower right, speakers Dr. Hector R. MacLennan and Dr. George E. Judd, exchange anecdotes.





# CUTE QUADS WIN HEART OF HOSPITAL PERSONNEL



**THIS IS JOHN**

He's the only boy

## Vespers Service Features Famed Radio Preacher

For the eighth consecutive year, nationally noted radio preacher Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman will deliver the Christmas meditation at the annual Candlelight Vespers Service in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel.

The traditional Christmas service of music and light will be held at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Regarded as one of the most impressive programs of the holiday season at the Medical Center, the Vespers Service is sponsored each year by the P&S Club of the

## Brecker Charmers Pose for Portraits Before Going Home

It's very easy to get attached to a baby, as anyone who is in contact with them will tell you.

When there are four babies and they stay with you for weeks, the attachment becomes that much firmer. It isn't too difficult to feel as close to the infants as if they were members of your own family.

That's the way it's been for nurses, doctors, and other Medical Center personnel who have been caring for the Brecker Quadruplets.

Born Oct. 23 in The Sloane Hospital for Women, the cute foursome has been thriving since then in the premature nursery of Babies Hospital.

Those caring for the quadruplets in the nurs-



Lively Lisa



Lovely Allison



Little Jodi

## THESE ARE JOHN'S SISTERS

ery have watched their growth almost as proudly as the babies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brecker of 63-25 Saunders Street, Rego Park. So have many other Medical Center personnel, who

have smiled and waved at the babies as they stretched, kicked, and cooed in their incubators.

These recent portraits of the Brecker Quadruplets were taken through the glass panels of the

premature nursery by photographer Elizabeth Wilcox.

Three of the babies are out of their incubators: Lisa, John and Allison. The littlest quad, Jodi, who weighed only 2 pounds 12 ounces at birth, posed for her portrait under glass.

The pictures prove something the parents—and Medical Center personnel—have been saying proudly right along: they're pretty babies, those Brecker Quads.



CHRISTMAS VESPERS: a time for prayer and meditation.

## Fire Safety Essential to Joyful Yule

In order to insure a safe and happy Christmas for all our patients, the following regulations of the New York City Fire Department must be observed.

- Natural Christmas trees (growing or cut) are not permitted within the hospital buildings.

- Only flame-proofed wreaths are permitted.

- No decorations shall block any corridors or exits.

- Decorations of an inflammable material, such as paper or cotton, are positively prohibited.

- Every precaution must be taken to prevent any fire hazards that would endanger patients or personnel.

- The Hospital's Engineering Department will inspect all decorations to prevent violations of these regulations.

## Milbank Library Yule Book Sale Runs Dec. 4-24

A limited Christmas sale of about 350 books will be held Dec. 4-24 in Milbank Library.

Librarian Barbara Martin said most of the books being offered would make good Christmas presents, especially the large selection of children's books.

Proceeds will go for new books, she said.

Milbank Library is on the 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

Christmas Day religious observances in the Chapel will follow the schedule of previous years: Roman Catholic Mass at 7 a.m., Protestant Holy Communion at 10:30.

Carols and other familiar music of Christmas will be programmed over the Hospital's own Radio Channel 1, beginning on Dec. 16. The Yule music will be broadcast from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4:30 p.m. daily. Special programs by guest choral groups will be broadcast at other times throughout the holiday season. (See the Calendar of Christmas Events for times.)

## MAIL CARDS EARLY

Mail your Christmas cards to Medical Center friends by Dec. 16, urges mail room supervisor John Campbell.

Anticipating the holiday mailing rush, he requests all possible cooperation from staff and personnel to ease the annual last-minute overflow of Yule mail.

"If you know the home

address of your Medical Center friends, please send Christmas greetings to them through the Federal mail system," Mr. Campbell says.

In cases where the hospital mails must be used, be sure to print the recipient's complete hospital address on the envelope—including the proper department.





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## Employees Must File For Weinberg Aid By January 31st

The deadline is January 31 for personnel interested in receiving financial assistance for Spring semester studies under the Sidney J. Weinberg Employees Educational Aid Reimbursement Plan.

Applications for such aid, if they are to be considered, must be in the Personnel Office no later than that date.

Additional information and application forms are available through Miss Lillian Oring, Personnel Office, extension 2331.

The plan is open to all full-time employees of Presbyterian Hospital who have served the hospital at least six months. It reimburses up to half the tuition fee for one to six credits per semester, or the equivalent for non-credit courses pursued at schools of recognized standing. Such courses must be approved in the Personnel Office and satisfactorily completed by the individual.

The educational aid plan owes its existence to Sidney J. Weinberg, prominent Wall Street financier and trustee of the hospital.



*Janice M. Blauvelt is New Supervisor of Medical Information*

Miss Janice M. Blauvelt has been appointed Supervisor of Medical Information for The Presbyterian Hospital, succeeding Miss O. Grace Haseltine, who retired.

An employee of the Hospital for 20 years, Miss Blauvelt began as an aide in Vanderbilt Clinic. She was named as assistant to Miss Haseltine in 1958, after working with her for a number of years.

Miss Blauvelt was born in Nyack, N. Y., daughter of a physician who was descended from the Blauvelt

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## RIO REMEMBERS RARE REQUEST FOR RATTLER

If you fill more than a half-million prescriptions a year, as Chief Pharmacist John J. Rio and his staff do, there's bound to be one that's unusual enough to stick in your mind.

A requisition for drugs that Mr. Rio can't forget came into the Presbyterian Hospital Pharmacy a few months ago.

"There was nothing unusual about the prescription," Mr. Rio said. "It called for a common antibiotic."

The ailing patient, however, was a rare one: a 10-year-old rattlesnake that was being used in a research project at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

It seems this rattler had a cyst. But the antibiotic was just what the doctor ordered and it quickly cured the snake.

Said Mr. Rio: "Filling the prescription was easy. Think of the poor guy who had to give the rattler a shot."

P.S. The snake and the "poor guy" who treated it are doing quite well, thank you.

## Anesthesiologist Develops New Blood Pressure Device

Steven Donne is a 46-year-old business executive who lives in Skefington, Conn. He's the picture of health: tall, athletic and a consistently good golfer. His appearance belies the experience he had during the past year when he underwent emergency brain surgery at Neurological Institute for repair of a ruptured blood vessel.

While he was being prepared for the operation, he unknowingly benefited from the life-saving potential of a "pneumatic monitor"—a very sensitive and inexpensive device which visually records a patient's arterial blood pressure and the effectiveness of his heartbeat.

### Edward Lane Shea, Trustee Since 1954, Succumbs at Age 71

Edward Lane Shea, 71, a trustee of Presbyterian Hospital since 1954, died of a heart attack Dec. 11 in his New York apartment at 765 Park Ave.

A Solemn Requiem Mass for Mr. Shea was held Dec. 13 at St. Jean Baptiste Church, Manhattan.



Edward Lane Shea

Mr. Shea, a resident of Locust Valley, L. I., was president and chairman of the board of the Ethyl Corporation until his retirement in 1960.

He was director of Pullman, Inc., Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, Union Electric Company, Middle South Utilities, Inc., and A. V. C. Corporation, and an honorary director of the American Petroleum Institute.

### WAS W.W. I FLIER

He was born in Nashua, N. H., and attended Philips Exeter Academy. In 1916 he was graduated from Princeton University, where he



Dr. B. Raymond Fink

Dr. B. Raymond Fink, who invented the "pneumatic monitor" several months ago, recalls the incident vividly. Mr. Donne (his name and address are fic-

tionalized) never realized there was any incident. He had been rushed to the hospital, unconscious, after suffering a ruptured aneurysm of the brain. An aneurysm is a weak spot in an artery which protrudes much like a soft spot on an inner tube. If it bursts, it may interrupt the flow of blood and hence oxygen to part of the brain and, in addition, causes brain hemorrhage.

### SET UP MONITOR

"Before administering the anesthetic, I attached an intra-arterial tube to this special blood pressure monitor and inserted the needle at the other end of the tube into the brachial artery of Mr. Donne's right arm," Dr. Fink, associate attending anesthesiologist, explained.

"Much of the same equipment used for a blood transfusion is used to set up the monitor. The plastic tube connects the intra-arterial needle to the small plastic

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## DEAN CALVERT ASSUMES NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

Dean Calvert, Administrative Assistant for Food Service since 1959, has been named Administrative Assistant for Food Service and Housekeeping as of January 1, 1964.

The appointment results from the expansion in recent years of the housekeeping department, creating a need for an administrative assistant responsible for its operation. No changes will

was president of the senior class and a varsity football and baseball player. He was a Navy flier in World War I.

Mr. Shea was elected to the Corporation of Presbyterian Hospital April 27, 1953, and to the Board of Trustees Oct. 25, 1954.

take place within the housekeeping department, and Harold Liscombe will continue in his capacity as Executive Housekeeper.

Mr. Calvert, who received

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Dean Calvert



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Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox

## STETHOSCOPIA

Merry Christmas from all of us—and a happy New Year filled with *Stethoscopia* items.

New brides in the Nursing Department are *Patricia Lynahan*, who was married to Mathew F. McCue, Jr. on November 9 . . . Mr. McCue is employed at the State Employment Service; *Nancy Darling*, who was married to Dr. *Sheridan Sheimer*, an alumnus of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery; and *Christa Heyna*, who married Ernest Dombi.

*Martha O. Sawyer*, in the department of surgery, married Dr. *Ulf Kirkegaard-Jensen*, assistant resident in surgery, on December 21. Best wishes to all the newlyweds!

Catherine Baxter will become the bride of *James Mack, Jr.* on January 11. Mr. Mack was formerly Clinical Psychologist on the 8th floor at Neuro. *Susan Joan Richmond* on the nursing staff here, will marry *Paul M. Hamada*, P&S Class of '65, in the spring. *Karen Killinger*, evening nurse, has announced her betrothal to *Barry G. Wood*, P&C Class of '64. In Vanderbilt Clinic, *Ann White* is engaged to *James Browne* and *Norma Van Gieson* will be the bride of *Joseph Hogan*.

A former staff and private duty nurse here, *Margaret Best Smith*, is the proud mother of a son, *Marc Edward*, born recently in Cleveland, Ohio.

*George Burgess* of Maintenance and Construction, and Mrs. Burgess had an exciting time when their first child, Jennifer, decided to be one month premature and announced her impending arrival while her parents were on a Connecticut-bound train. At Derby they made a hurried trip to a nearby hospital, where the baby was born a short time later.

Mrs. *Mary Ryan*, Aide on PH-11, welcomed a new grandson on November 14th.

Mrs. *May Udisky*, secretary in Maintenance and Construction, vacationed recently in Miami Beach.

Promotions in the Nursing Department: Mrs. *Lois Augustus*, to Supervisor in Neuro; *Adaljsa Toledo*, to Supervisor in the PH Operating Room, and *Sharon Bradley*, to Head Nurse in the PH Operating Room.

The Columbia Dental Wives Club, composed of wives and fiancées of students of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, has an interesting custom that might well be imitated by other dental schools. It presents to wives of senior students a D.D.S. degree—Doctor's Deserving Spouse. Club officers: Mrs. *Albert Zengo*, president; Mrs. *Leonard Zaslav*, vice president; Mrs. *Marshall Roffman* and Mrs. *James Clark*, secretaries, Mrs. *Martin Greenberg*, treasurer.

## We Have Connections in Alaska

An interesting addition to the Medical Center-Alaska ties which were emphasized in last month's *Stethoscope* story of Dean Epperson's successful surgery here, is brought to our attention in a letter from the Department of Health and Welfare of the State of Alaska.

Dr. *J. K. Lesh*, Chief of the Maternal-Child Health Branch in Juneau, whose office financed Dean's trip to the Presbyterian Hospital, is an alumnus of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Class of 1949. Dr. *Milo Fritz*, who referred the boy here, was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1934.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

Dr. *Sidney Blumenthal*, Attending Pediatrician, is on a six-month leave of absence to teach Pediatric Cardiology at the National Taiwan University College of Medicine as Visiting Professor for four months. He will then lecture at medical schools in Hong Kong, Manila and Bangkok. The visits are sponsored by the China Medical Board of New York. Dr. Blumenthal will return here in July.

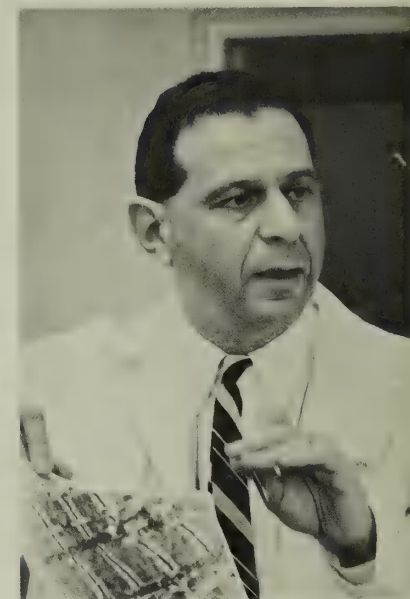
Dr. *David H. Baker*, Director of Radiology in Babies Hospital, gave a refresher course in Chronic Pulmonary Disease in Infants and Children at the recent meeting of the North American Radiological Society in Chicago.

Dr. *Hans Kaunitz*, Assistant Clinical Professor in Pathology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, gave a lecture entitled "Arteriosclerosis-Cholesterol?" at the recent meeting of the Federation of American-European Medical Societies at the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Kaunitz represented the Pirquet Society of Clinical Medicine.

Dr. *Alfred P. Fishman*, Associate Attending Physician, recently took part in two televised clinical science seminars, one on "Practical Assessment of Pulmonary Performance," the other, "Diffuse Pulmonary Disease." Dr. *Roberta Goldring*, Assistant Physician, was also a participant in these seminars.

Dr. *Juan Taveras*, Attending Radiologist, recently lectured on Cerebral Angiography at a meeting of the New York Roentgen Society. Dr. *Gerald Renthal*, Sen-

ior Fellow in Neuroradiology, presented a case in Four-Vessel Angiography at the same meeting.



Dr. *David Spiro*, Associate Attending Pathologist, presented "The structural basis of contraction of heart muscle" at a recent meeting of the New York Pathological Society.

Dr. *Robert E. Carroll*, Attending Orthopedic Surgeon, took part in a recent symposium on "Reconstructive Surgery of the Hand." He presented a paper entitled "Principles in the Care of the Injured Hand."

Dr. *Thomas V. Santulli*, Attending Surgeon, will speak on a panel on "Colonic Diseases in Infancy and Childhood" at the meeting of The Section on Surgery, Jan. 21, 1964.

## Chaplain Hoffman Accepts Teaching Post



The Rev. John Hoffman

The Rev. John C. Hoffman, associate Protestant chaplain of Presbyterian Hospital from October 1962 through November 1963, has been appointed assistant professor of theology at the University of Windsor, located in Windsor, Ontario.

A research chemist before he entered the ministry, he is also instructing classes in chemistry at the Canadian university.

The Rev. Mr. Hoffman has completed his work for the doctor of theology degree, which will be conferred in May at Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

His doctoral dissertation, entitled "Guilt and Aspiration: A Pastoral Theology of Conscience," has already been approved. He did his research for the dissertation at the Hospital on a grant from the William Rosenwald Family Fund, Inc.

The Th.D. degree will be his second doctorate. He received a Ph.D. in chemistry in 1957 from McGill University, Montreal.

He received a bachelor of divinity degree from McGill in 1959 and a master of sacred theology degree a year later.

In the fall of 1960 he entered Union Seminary, specializing in the program on Religion and Psychiatry. He spent the summer of 1961 as a student chaplain at Rikers Island Penitentiary and for six months in 1960-61 was a student chaplain here under the Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Protestant Chaplain.

The Rev. Mr. Hoffman has been succeeded by the Rev. J. Grahame Drummond of Auckland, New Zealand, who began his duties here Jan. 1.



## DR. CHARGAFF WINS FRENCH MAYER PRIZE

Erwin Chargaff, Ph.D., professor of Biochemistry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been awarded one of the highest prizes of the French Academy of Sciences for his research into the chemistry of the human body.

He has received the Charles-Leopold Mayer Prize providing an award of 80,000 francs, about \$16,000 in U. S. currency.

Dr. Chargaff is an authority on the chemistry of nucleic acids, the substances believed to hold the so-called code of life.

Nucleic acids are the materials through which heredity operates. Discoveries in the field during the past 10 years have revolutionized approaches to many areas of biochemistry study.

Dr. Chargaff's research began 17 years ago at Columbia. He has been with the University 28 years.

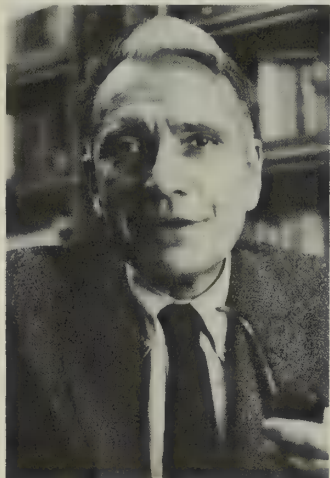
He heads a laboratory staff which was the first to prove the "base-pairing" of the deoxyribonucleic acids, known as DNA. This pioneering work opened several new fields of investigation into the structure and composition of these substances inside the nucleus of the human body cell.

His work established the existence of hitherto unknown regularities of composition of DNA. He showed that its four principal components are arranged in such a way that adenine pairs with thymine and guanine pairs with cytosine.

The discovery led other biochemists to propose the generally accepted idea of the double helical structure of DNA.

Dr. Chargaff's work has been supported by the United States Public Health Service, the National Science Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

He was born in Austria and earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Vienna in 1928. He was a research fellow at Yale from 1928 to 1930 and was in charge of chemical laboratories at the Institute of Hygiene in Berlin from 1930 to 1933. He was an associate at the Pasteur Institute in Paris from 1933 to 1934, then joined the faculty at Columbia in 1935.



Erwin Chargaff, Ph.D.

## Talks Presented On Therapeutics Appear in Print

A compilation of therapeutic talks given at the Medical Center to third and fourth year students of the College of Physicians and Surgeons has been published recently.

The book's editors, Drs. Hamilton Southworth and Frederick G. Hofmann, said a second volume of the two-part work is expected off the presses sometime this spring.

The work is entitled "Columbia-Presbyterian Therapeutic Talks" and is published by the Macmillan Company.

Presented as a regular part of the teaching program in general medicine at the Medical Center, the talks concern therapeutic measures to be undertaken once a particular diagnosis has been established.

The therapeutics course is presented jointly by the Department of Medicine and Pharmacology and consists of a series of weekly talks. It is taught by a panel of five internists and a pharmacologist, plus occasional guest clinicians.

Specific talks recorded in this first book include "Present-Day Use of Anticoagulants," "Treatment of Chronic Atrial Fibrillation and Flutter," "Management of Sudden Cardiac Arrest by the General Physician," "Uses of Oxygen and Mechanical Aids to Ventilation," "Treatment of Relatively Resistant Bacterial Infections," "Selected Aspects of Cancer Chemotherapy," and "Management of Untoward Drug Reactions."

Other topics covered are "Sedatives, Hypnotics, and Tranquilizers," "Clinical Use of Anthelmintics and Amebicides," "Present-Day Use of Adrenocortical Steroids," "The Oral Hypoglycemic Agents," "Treatment of Symptomatic Hypocalce-

## Texas Physician Who Signed President's Death Certificate Was Resident Here for 4 Years

A unique distinction came to a Texas doctor who received his training in neurosurgery at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. He signed President John F. Kennedy's death certificate.

Dr. William Kemp Clark, 38, an assistant resident in neurosurgery and neurology at the Neurological Institute from 1953 through 1956, was among the team of 15 doctors who tried to save the life of the wounded President at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Clark was in The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School when he learned of the President's arrival at Parkland Hospital. He is the Chairman of the Division of Neurosurgery at the medical school and Director of the Service of Neurosurgery at Parkland Hospital.

Dr. Clark reached the Emergency Operating Room 1 of Parkland promptly, as it is immediately adjacent to the medical school. On arrival, he joined the other physicians in attempts at resuscitation.



DR. WILLIAM CLARK

Describes nature of President Kennedy's wounds for the press.

At 1:10 p.m., November 22, Dr. Clark signed the death certificate, because it was determined that the President died from neurological injuries he received from the assassin's bullets.

He, together with the other doctors, set the time of death at 1:00 p.m., immediately after a priest had completed the administration of the last rites.

## Hospital Gifts To Memorialize Late President

Several gifts in memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy have been received by Presbyterian Hospital and the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Fund.

Although the late President had no affiliation with the Medical Center, it is apparent that many persons wish to honor his memory through contributions to a leading institution dedicated to the care, treatment, and rehabilitation of the sick.

## Medical Illustrators Elect R. J. Demarest To 5-Yr. Board Term

Robert J. Demarest, medical artist in the Department of Anatomy, College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Association of Medical Illustrators, which has members in the U. S., Canada, and England.

He began a five-year term on the nine-member board on Jan. 1. He is also business manager of the association's journal, *Medical Art*.

## Painter Antons Paikens Retires After 11 Years

Antons Paikens, a painter in the Maintenance and Construction Department for 11 years, retired Jan. 1.

A native of Latvia, Mr. Paikens fled his homeland before the invading Russians late in World War II and was a displaced person in Germany before coming to the United States in 1949.

He is married and lives in the Richmond Hill section of Jamaica, Queens. His hobbies are reading, listening to classical music, and "working around the house."

**DOLL'S TEA:** Mrs. R. Peter Rose, president of the Board of Women Managers and Miss Elizabeth R. Callahan, unit manager of Babies Hospital, inspect some of the scores of dolls presented at Christmas to Babies Hospital patients. The event is always preceded by the traditional Doll's Tea in Babies.





# HOLIDAY SCENES PREVAIL



DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD WAKE HIM UP? These anxious young patients wondered together on Christmas Eve.

SYMBOL of the Holiday spirit and hopes for the New Year — one of Presbyterian Hospital's Christmas trees.



"I'M WIDE AWAKE NOW — AND SEE WHAT I HAVE FOR YOU," Santa exclaimed, banishing any doubts the children may have had about his long winter's nap.

WISE MEN VISIT THE MANGER — a scene from the Orthopaedic Clinic's traditional and colorful Christmas Pageant.



FROM THE DENTAL SCHOOL — students, faculty, personnel, wives provided gifts with which the Christmas Cart was laden to help Santa bring his Christmas Cheer to hospital patients.



# T PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL



Dr. C. R. Wise attaches first place ribbon on the window decorated by student nurse Jane Mitchell, 10th floor, Harkness.



Nancy Hartley accepts a first place ribbon for the Orthopaedic Clinic, Vanderbilt Clinic 3rd floor, from Dr. C. R. Wise (top photo); Mrs. Dela Rodriguez (left) and Mrs. Helen Malmud do likewise for their efforts in the Eye Clinic, Vanderbilt Clinic 1st floor (lower photo).



## Christmas Windows Judged Best Ever

Judging in the 1963 Christmas Window Decorating Contest was more difficult than ever, said Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., contest committee chairman.

"The best windows we saw this year were outstandingly good, probably among the best art work we've ever had on our Christmas windows," he explained.

However, the judges finally agreed. They awarded first place ribbons to Student Nurse Jane Mitchell for two windows in the nurses' station on HP-10; to Mrs. Helen Malmud for windows in Vanderbilt Clinic's Eye Clinic; to Nurse Nancy Hartley for windows in the Orthopaedic Clinic, VC-3; to Nurse Lillian Vahey for doors 207-234 on the 10th floor of Vanderbilt, and to Nurse Anne McQuillen for three windows in the nursery on the 16th floor of Presbyterian.

Second place ribbons went to Jean Ziemer, nurses' station, HP-11; Jean Collard and Lynne Steinberg, NI-1-10; Norma Webb, P&S-14-237; Jane Goldman, nurses' station, BH-5; Dr. Robert G. Bertsch, ward doors, PH-14W, and to an anonymous patient for the solarium door on PH-9E.

Honorable mention went to Joyce Shaver, french doors, HP-3; Josephine Williams, nursery window, HP-8; Jack Brevoise, five windows on the ground floor of the Service Building; Penny Post, IOPH-2-224; Judy Hogan, BH-5-530; Virginia Deery, ward, BH-7; Joan Spurling, mirror in Occupational Therapy, PH-5-532; to the staff of PH-8E for the ward door, and to child patients Carlos Corujo and Jill Slattery for windows on the sixth floor of Babies Hospital.



Anne McQuillen is the happy recipient of another first place ribbon from Dr. Wise for the window decorations in the Nursery on Presbyterian's 16th floor (top photo). Equally pleased with their award are Mrs. Doris Snyder and nurse Lillian Vahey, whose first place entries were on the Vanderbilt Clinic 10th floor.



## Two Housekeepers Retire



Retiring maids Melissa Thornton, left, and Clara Artis

Two members of the Housekeeping Department who served the Medical Center for many years as maids have retired. They are Clara Artis, who worked on the 18th to 22nd floors of Presbyterian Hospital, and Melissa Thornton of the Eye Institute.

Mrs. Artis came here March 4, 1947, after working a number of years for the vice consul from Norway. "I really worked my way up at Presbyterian," she said. "I began on the 2nd floor, went up to the 7th, then the 15th, and lately I've been taking care of the 18th to the 22nd floors."

Mrs. Artis was born in Virginia, reared in Asbury Park, N. J., and now lives in the Bronx. She likes reading and classical music very much and truly enjoys housework and cooking.

Although she looks forward to sleeping a little later than 4 o'clock in the morning (her hours here were 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.),

Mrs. Artis said she'll miss her many friends at the Medical Center.

Mrs. Melissa Thornton, known as Millie, has been at the Medical Center since Jan. 24, 1945. She went to the Eye Institute three years ago after working on the 12th floor of Presbyterian Hospital for 15 years.

Born on Christmas Day 65 years ago, Mrs. Thornton grew up on a farm in North Carolina and came to New York about 1930. Her only child, a daughter, died in 1939, leaving two babies, whom Mrs. Thornton brought up. She is now a great-grandmother of three children.

Mrs. Thornton has lived on Washington Heights for 25 years and is active in the Children of Mary Society of Our Lady of Lourdes, her neighborhood church.

She plans to do part time work as a maid. "I've been working so long, I don't know how to stop," she said. "As long as I feel good, I want to work."

## BOWL GAME RESULTS

Sad Sacks, Gents, Washouts, Damn Yankees, Imperials, Mad Dogs and Aces are locked in a tense battle for supremacy.

Although the titles sound like names for neighborhood gangs, they belong to teams in the Medical Center Bowling League. Their only rumbling is done on the alleys, not in them, and their only weapons are bowling balls.

### MID-SEASON

As of late December, the halfway mark in the current bowling season, Sid's Sad Sacks, captained by Marjorie Salvatore, held an uneasy lead over Ann's Gents, led by Ray Laureano.

Barking at the heels of the two leaders were the Washouts, Damn Yankees, Imperials, Mad Dogs and Four Aces, in that order. Last year's champions, the Pin Shakers, could boast only of owning the team high single game, an 835. They were squirming uncomfortably in 10th place in the 14-team league.



Richard Salvatore

Richie Salvatore, the top male bowler of 1962-63, gave no indication of repenting of his winning ways. He was leading the men with an average of 170, a high single game of 266, and a three-game series of 605.

Putting pressure on Salvatore were Herb Steinhilb, with an average of 161; Benny Wanamaker, who bowled a high single of 264, and Conny Alvarado, who owned a three game series of 580.

Leading ladies were Anita MacDonnell, 139 average, 181 high single; Miss Eleanor Freyer, 131 average, 203 high single, and Ann McElroy, 130 average, 197 high single.

## From The Mailbag

I was an emergency admission to Presbyterian Hospital, where I spent a week on the 10th floor. I was amazed at the attention I received from the doctors and staff on that floor and I want to thank them for their wonderful care—from a former patient on Urology Service.

When I entered the hospital I expected skilled care in an institution that has the standing of the Presbyterian Hospital. I did not, however, anticipate the kindness, courtesy and even humor that the nurses and entire staff consistently showed. I heartily compliment you on the quality of service given by your nurses and assistants—from a former patient in the Eye Institute.

This is to express to your doctors my profound appreciation for all the cooperation given me. I will never forget your interest in my case physically, morally and economically and, as I never will be able to pay in material value such an amount of Christianity, I want you to know that I will continue

## Belgium Honors Dr. J. Moldaver For Second Time

Dr. Joseph Moldaver, associate attending neurologist and clinical professor of neurology has been honored for the second time by the royal government of Belgium.

He has been named an Officer of the Order of the Crown by decree of King Baudouin I of Belgium. Admission to the high order is royal recognition of a person's outstanding creative endeavors in arts and sciences.

The honor will be officially conferred on Dr. Moldaver later this month at a reception at the Belgian Consulate in Manhattan. In 1951 he received his first distinction from the Belgium government when he was named a Knight of the Order of Leopold.

Dr. Moldaver was born and educated in Belgium. He has been at the Medical Center for 23 years.

to be grateful to you all my life long—from the aunt of a former patient at Babies Hospital.

## ON THE SHELF

### New Books in Milbank Library

#### FICTION

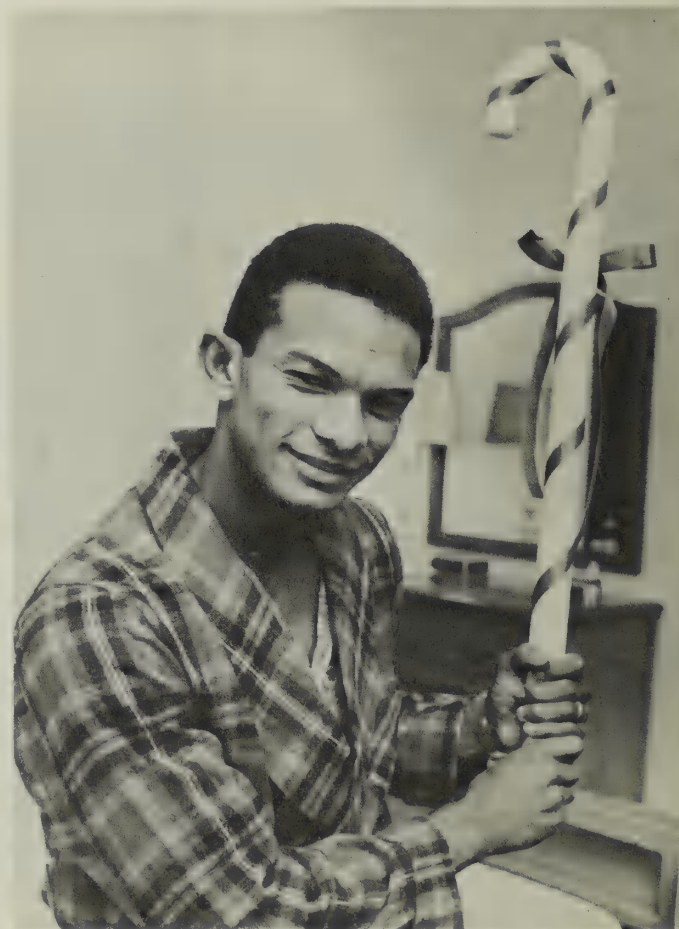
**The Princes**, by Manohar Malgonkar. The story of a royal father and son caught in a struggle for survival in India's new democracy.

**The Conversion of Chaplain Cohen**, by Herbert Tarr. A comic novel about the Air Force experiences of a young Jewish chaplain from Brooklyn who is desperately afraid of flying.

**The Scent of Water**, by Elizabeth Goudge. In this novel set in contemporary England the author tells the story of Mary Lindsay, who returns to the village of her childhood in quest of the personal fulfillment that has been denied her.

**Naked Came I**, by David Weiss. A novel based on the exciting life of the sculptor Auguste Rodin, who created such lasting works of art as "The Thinker."

**The Mirror Cracked**, by Agatha Christie. A murder committed near Miss Marple's house allows her to indulge in the particular kind of unraveling at which she is adept.



**A SWEET SWING**—San Francisco Giant outfielder Matty Alou switches temporarily from baseball bat to Christmas candy cane after undergoing surgery at the Medical Center Dec. 20 on a torn cartilage in his left knee. Matty, who batted only .145 last year, said he injured the knee during last spring training and reinjured it while playing winter baseball in the Dominican League. Playing in an outfield that included his two brothers, Felipe and Jesus Alou, Matty had an impressive .342 average when the second injury occurred. Surgeons who performed the operation said Matty's knee should be in good condition by the time 1964 spring training begins in February. (UPI Photo)



## Chief Resident In Radiology Learns Quickly

Dr. Paul J. Friedman, chief resident in Radiology at the remarkably young age of 26, never finished high school.

After two years at Manhattan's Stuyvesant High School, he entered the University of Wisconsin as a Ford Foundation scholar. By attending one summer session, he completed his undergraduate requirements in three years. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was awarded the bachelor of science degree in mathematics in 1955. He was only 18.

At Yale Medical School, he interrupted his studies after the second year and spent the 1957-58 academic year as a research assistant in pharmacology at England's Oxford University.

Back at New Haven, he received his M.D. in 1960. He was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical scholastic honor society, and his paper on "Enzymatic Metabolism of Chloral Hydrate" won the 1960 Borden Prize for the best medical thesis at Yale.

### BORN IN BRONX

Dr. Friedman, who was born in the Bronx, interned in medicine during the academic year 1960-61 at the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center. He began his residency in Radiology here in July 1961.

## Student Nurses Net Over \$2,200 Through Bazaar

Proceeds from the student nurses' bazaar held Dec. 12 in Maxwell Hall amounted to slightly over \$2,200, it was reported by Susan Strom, student chairman.

Sixty per cent of the money goes for nursing scholarships and 20 per cent each to the hospital ship S. S. HOPE and to a student nurse who will be selected to attend the convention of the International Council of Nurses later this year in Germany.

The bazaar is sponsored annually by the junior class of the nursing school. Members express their appreciation to all those who helped make this year's event a success.

## Chief Pathology Resident Enjoys Variety of Duties

Dr. James S. Magidson, chief resident in Pathology, recently found a cartoon he likes so much he carries it in his wallet.

It shows the head of a pathology resident changing shape until, by the fourth year of his residency, it looks precisely like a microscope.

The cartoon, meant to be humorous as always, nevertheless gives a correct insight to pathologists: a microscope is something they use every working day of their professional lives. It isn't the only tool of their specialty (many advanced instruments have come into general use in recent years), but it is such an important one to them that it is considered the "trademark" of classical pathology.

Through a microscope a pathologist studies sections of tissue, smears of cells and various body secretions in a continuing search for signs of disease.

Although all this work is important, much of it is painstaking and routine. It becomes dramatic during surgery, Dr. Magidson says, when the pathologist is asked to determine quickly, through microscopic examination, whether a section of tissue in question is malignant or benign.

The surgeon awaits the pathologist's verdict to help him decide just how extensive his surgery should be.

As chief resident in Pathology, Dr. Magidson is responsible for instructing

and supervising first year residents in autopsy procedures, participates in research, conducts special lab tests, helps set up new tests not yet performed here, lectures student nurses on cancer, and spends as much time as possible in study.

A 30-year-old native of the Bronx, Dr. Magidson grew up in Freeport, L. I. He attended Yale University for three years, then transferred to the University of Chicago where he earned his M.D. in 1957.

The 1957-58 academic



Dr. James Magidson discusses slide with resident pathologist.

year he spent as an intern at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Manhattan. In September 1957 he met Pauline Zografos, who had just graduated from the hospital's school of nursing. Four months later Pauline was his wife. The Magidsons became parents of a son, Paul David, Aug. 21, 1962.

After he completed his

internship, he became an international traveller, thanks to the U. S. Navy, which assigned him as assistant medical officer on the USNS PATCH.

"The PATCH transported military personnel and their dependents between Brooklyn and Bremerhaven, Germany," he explained. "In a year, I made 10 round trips."

The highlight of his year on the troop ship was an emergency hernia operation on a six-month-old boy, during which he served as anesthetist.

He then served a year in the Ear, Nose and Throat Department of the Naval Hospital at St. Albans, Queens. Since the military is predictable only in its unpredictability, Dr. Magidson, who had never seen tonsils removed surgically, was put in charge of performing tonsillectomies.

"I watched an operation, did one, then I was the instructor. You know how the service is," he said. "It was interesting, anyway."

Dr. Magidson began his residency here six weeks before his official release from duty. He is now a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve.

Next year he'll put in a fifth year of residency, specializing in hematology, at Montefiore Hospital, Bronx. Then he'll have to decide whether to supervise the pathology lab in a small hospital, or to concentrate on surgical pathology at a large teaching hospital.

In his spare time, Dr. Magidson likes salt water fishing.

As chief resident, Dr. Friedman conducts gastrointestinal studies with fluoroscopy, interprets X-ray films, goes on medical rounds to discuss X-ray films on specific patients, sets up working schedules for other residents in Radiology, attends lectures and, until recently, was on "night call," to read films on emergency cases.

### "LYMPHOGRAPHY"

His special interest is lymphography, which involves the injection of contrast materials into the lymphatics, then making X-ray studies that seek evidence of disease in the pelvis or abdomen that could not be otherwise detected, except by surgical exploration.

Lymphography, he said, is also valuable in evaluating results of radical pelvic operative procedures.

Dr. Friedman is married to the former Clare Richardson of Yorkshire, England, whom he met during his year at Oxford University. She was studying at Oxford for a doctorate in mathematics, a subject she has since taught at Columbia University for two years.



Dr. Paul J. Friedman, chief resident in radiology, discusses diagnostic studies with fellow members of the house staff.

The Friedmans are parents of a daughter, Elizabeth, born in August 1962 at Sloane Hospital for Women. They enjoy choral singing and nature hikes along the Palisades and in the Catskills. Elizabeth accompanies her parents on these hikes—toted in a pack frame on her father's back.

In July, his residency here completed, Dr. Friedman will enter the Navy for a two-year stint as a radiologist. After that, he looks forward to "perhaps

## Sale Nets \$150 For New Books

Proceeds from a limited pre-Christmas sale of books in Milbank Library totalled \$150.

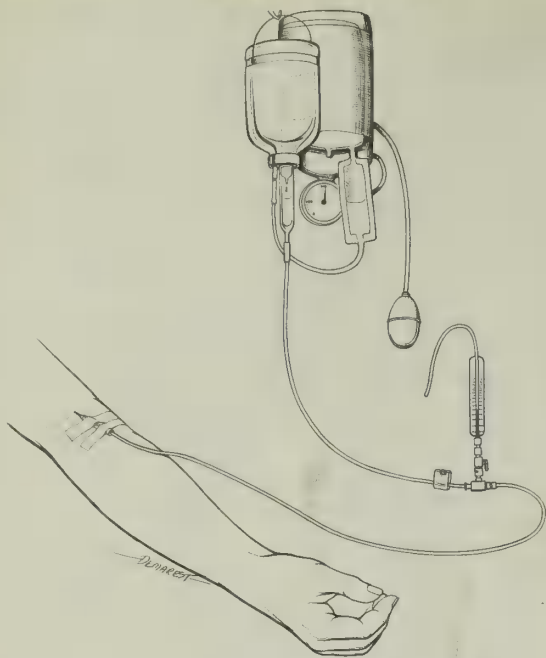
Librarian Barbara Martin said the money will be used to acquire new books.

two more years of academic training," and then. . .

"Probably academic medicine," he said.



# Anesthesiologist Develops New Blood Pressure Device



ABOVE, is a sketch of Dr. Fink's "pneumatic monitor" as it appears when attached to patient's arm. The gauge, midway up the tube that leads to the patient's arm, is the manometer which provides the constant measurement of arterial blood pressure and the effectiveness of each heartbeat.

## Calvert

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a full scholarship from Cornell University School of Hotel Administration, was graduated from the University in 1951. After Army service and a position as food and beverage manager at the St. Moritz Hotel, he became assistant in Food Service at Presbyterian Hospital in 1956.

Mr. Calvert directed installation of the hospital's central tray service for patients which was completed in 1961.

A 33-year-old New York native, Mr. Calvert is active in youth work and instructs boxing classes in Paterson, N. J. He also has served as district chairman for the Greek Orthodox Junior Youth Movement in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

## Mrs. Edison Served In Recovery Room

In last month's STETHOSCOPE, appears a photograph of Governor Charles Edison at the dedication of a new Medical Center laboratory.

In the accompanying article, it mentions that Mrs. Edison, who died last year, had been a member of the Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary, and a volunteer in the Milbank Library. We wish to correct this, since Mrs. Edison's dedicated volunteer services were in the Recovery Room.

## UHF Returns

With five weeks remaining in the direct benefit phase of the 1963-64 United Hospital Fund campaign, the six teams representing the Medical Center had raised \$184,472.97.

The amount which includes all gifts received through Dec. 27, is \$56,012.97 above the Hospital's "direct benefit quota."

## Blauvelt

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Family that came from Holland to settle New Amsterdam more than 300 years ago.

She was graduated in 1943 from Syracuse University, where she majored in psychology. She is a member of Psi Chi, the national honorary society in psychology.

An athlete of unusual abilities, she has played basketball, field hockey, soccer, softball, and golf. She has done some ski jumping and once, "just for fun," cleared the big jump at Bear Mountain.

She was a college tennis champion and once considered playing professionally. Perhaps most unusual of all, she is a woman who has mastered the disappearing art of flycasting, and enjoys stream fishing for trout in the Catskills.

Miss Blauvelt lives in Englewood, N. J. and spends "at least two weeks in the summer and as much other time as possible" at Orleans on Cape Cod.

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gauge, which resembles a room thermometer. That tube fills with arterial blood to the point where the gauge is attached. Inside that gauge, a harmless blue dye moves up and down with each pulsation of blood pressure. The range of the blue dye's movement gives a constant, absolute visual measurement of arterial blood pressure and each heartbeat," Dr. Fink continued.

## "HYPOTHERMIA"

Mr. Donne was wrapped in a special cooling blanket which lowered his temperature to about 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Hibernation or "hypothermia" so induced slows all body functions, reduces cerebral oxygen requirements, and therefore protects the brain from the ill effects of any lack of oxygen that might occur during blood vessel surgery. With body cooling there is usually some fall in blood pressure and some slowing of the heart. The new monitor is sensitive enough to record the blood pressure and heart when ordinary blood pressure instruments fail.

"During the first minute of anesthesia," Dr. Fink recalls, "the movement of the

blue dye in the blood pressure gauge stopped suddenly. My immediate reaction was that something was wrong with the manometer... that is the gauge itself.

"But, the apparatus is so simple that it was quickly apparent that nothing was wrong with it. Mr. Donne, for some reason, had reacted unfavorably to the anesthetic agent. This very unusual occurrence had caused his heart to stop momentarily.

## IMMEDIATE WARNING

This sensitive monitor's immediate warning of trouble resulted in instantaneous corrective measures.

"We interrupted the anesthesia and gave medication to counteract its effect. Heart action started promptly and the blood pressure became normal. We were able to use a different anesthetic and the operation was performed successfully," he added.

The advantages of this monitor, which has been used in more than 300 neurosurgical procedures at Neurological Institute, are several:

It indicates the heart rhythm and the effectiveness of every heartbeat;

It provides immediate measurements even at levels where arterial blood pressure cannot be measured with a conventional mercury monitor;

It eliminates the brief gaps of time when the blood pressure is unknown because the anesthesiologist can only take a reading with a mercury monitor about once every five minutes.

## A FAIR PRICE

Presbyterian Hospital employees will be able to attend the 1964-65 New York World's Fair at reduced rates.

Through arrangements made with the Fair Committee, the Hospital can obtain tickets to the Fair at a 32½ per cent discount.

This means that adult admission tickets that normally sell for \$2.00 will cost employees \$1.35; children's tickets, usual price \$1.00, for 68 cents.

Details on how and where to obtain tickets at the Hospital discount will be announced next month.

utes during an operation;

And it is much less expensive (\$10 compared to \$1,000) than the complex electronic strain gauge sometimes used for the same purpose.

## USEFUL SAFEGUARD

Anesthesiologists and neurosurgeons at Columbia-Presbyterian find Dr. Fink's new blood pressure gauge a useful addition to safeguards in the operating room during brain surgery.

The search for a simple, inexpensive device to measure arterial blood pressure constantly during surgery did not originate with Dr. Fink.

"As a matter of fact," he pointed out, "I found reference in the literature to unsuccessful experiments with a type of pneumatic monitor as early as 1898."

Dr. Fink uses air inside his gauge (not in the tube connected to the artery), whence the name "pneumatic manometer."

Air, which is easily moved even by the weak pulsations of very low blood pressure, was selected as an ideal substance for the type gauge he hoped to develop when Dr. Fink started his research over a year ago.

"The first problem I wanted to solve was that of threading a small, soft plastic tube through the needle inserted in the artery," he said.

"To be positive the tube was in the artery, I attached a small, closed glass tube to the exposed end of the needle. In the glass tube was a drop of water, behind which was an air bubble. As the arterial pressure filled the tube with arterial blood, it pushed the drop of water toward the closed end of the tube until the blood pressure and air pressure were equalized."

## DISCOVERING A GAUGE

"The first time I did this, I realized that I not only had evidence that the tube was inside the artery, but I also had a gauge which could measure the blood pressure," Dr. Fink said.

Dr. Fink's research, which was supported by the National Institute of Health and the Health Research Council of New York City, resulted in an addition to the many valuable contributions which anesthesiology, has made to modern medicine.

## Personnel May Get Vaccinated

At the recommendation of the Presbyterian Hospital Medical Board, a program has been set up under which all Presbyterian Hospital employees will be able to receive smallpox vaccinations every three years.

The program will begin in February.

Personnel will receive vaccination cards with their paychecks indicating what month they are eligible for vaccination and where they may receive it.

If the third, sixth, ninth (any multiple of three) anniversary of your employment falls in February, you will receive your vaccination card in January. If the third, sixth, etc. year of your employment is in March, you will receive your vaccination card with your pay in February.





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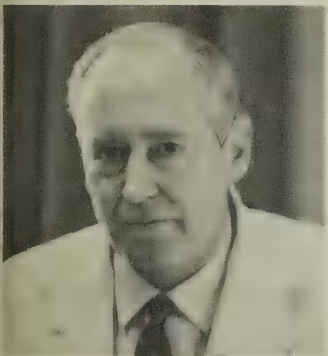
### 300 Pay Respects To Dr. E. P. Fowler At Memorial Rites

More than 300 colleagues and friends of the late Dr. Edmund Prince Fowler, Jr., paid last respects to him at a Memorial Service Jan. 19 in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel.

An internationally recognized authority on the problems of the deaf and hard of hearing, Dr. Fowler died Jan. 13 in Harkness Pavilion. He was 58 years old.

Since July 1, 1947 he had been Professor and Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Attending Otolaryngologist and Director of the Service of Otolaryngology at Presbyterian Hospital.

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Dr. Edmund P. Fowler, Jr.



W. E. S. GRISWOLD, SR.  
(From an early Portrait)

### W.E.S. Griswold, Sr., Trustee for 40 Years, Succumbs At Age 87

William E. S. Griswold, Sr., well known merchant and lawyer who served Presbyterian Hospital as a trustee and honorary trustee for over 40 years, died Jan. 19 at his winter home in Charleston, S. C. He was 87 years old.

Funeral services were Jan. 23 in the Congregational Church, Old Lyme, Conn.

A former president of the furniture concern of

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### TWO MAJOR GIFTS INCREASE TOTAL

Four years ago this week *Stethoscope* published announcement of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center \$50,000,000 Development Campaign. This campaign has been the first joint appeal since 1928, when Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University became the first institution in the world to be called a Medical Center.

Under the effective leadership of Development Committee Chairman General Lucius D. Clay and Co-Chairman Fredrick M. Eaton, and the generous efforts of hospital and college staff, personnel, alumni and friends, \$34,843,000 has been raised.

As the campaign continues, *Stethoscope* publishes in this issue articles on two of the most recent major gifts. One provides for the first endowed chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology in the history of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center; the other is the largest gift ever made to the Medical Center for nursing education.

### Van Alan Clarks Give Largest Grant Ever To Nursing Education

Columbia University has received a \$1,000,000 gift from a New York City couple who remembered gratefully the care their family has received over half a century at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

In offering the gift, Mr. and Mrs. Van Alan Clark recalled that four generations of the family had received medical care at the Medical Center. The money will provide expanded educational facilities for the Department of Nursing of Columbia University's Faculty of Medicine in the Presbyterian Hospital.

It is the largest grant for nursing Columbia has ever received. An additional gift of \$15,000 annually for nursing scholarships by the Edna McConnell Clark (Mrs. Van Alan Clark) Foundation was announced at the same time by Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Miss Elizabeth S. Gill, associate dean, Nursing.

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### New Josiah Macy Gift Establishes Chair In Obs-Gyn Department

The Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation of New York has awarded a grant of \$500,000 to the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center to establish a professorship in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

"In view of the outstanding program in academic obstetrics which has been developed in recent years at Columbia's Medical School, our Board is pleased to help stabilize that program and permit it to continue its contributions in this vitally important area of medical education and research," explained Clarence G. Michalis, chairman of the board of directors of the Macy Foundation.

Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, commenting on the grant, said the College was "justly proud that the Macy Foundation has recognized the excellence of our Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. We realize that this excellence is due in no

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### Fair Tickets At Fair Price Available Through Feb. 10

April 15th is a well-known, if much lamented date. But this year, in New York any way, April 22nd might become even more famous.

April 22, 1964, is the official opening date for the fabulous New York World's Fair.

The site of this spectacular—the biggest fair in the history of the world—is a 600-acre tract of land in Flushing Meadows. The daily local visiting population during the height of the fair will probably exceed that of all but the few biggest cities in the United States.

As everyone at Presbyterian Hospital probably knows by now, special arrangements have been made through the personnel department for employees to obtain World's Fair tickets at a reduced price. The reduced rates are: \$1.35 for adults and \$.68 for children (ages 2 through 12.) *Continued on page seven*



ELIZABETH S. GILL  
Grateful for outstanding aid to education of nurses.

### Have You Yours?

Employees who have not received their withholding tax statement (W-2 form) from the Hospital should check immediately with the payroll office on the second floor of the Service Building.

Hans Arntsen, payroll supervisor, said that all W-2 forms were mailed to employees of the Hospital in January, but some were returned because of an incorrect address.

These returned forms, Mr. Arntsen said, are being held in the payroll office.

You must include your W-2 form when you file your Federal Income Tax, he added.



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Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox

## STETHOSCOPIA

Cupid has been very busy at the Hospital lately! *Annabelle Stickle Gibson*, student in Department of Nursing, was recently married to *Stuart Ramage Rose*, third year medical student at P&S. Mr. Rose is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry M. Rose. Dr. Rose is chairman of the department of microbiology at P&S; Ian M. Reiss, fourth year medical student at P&S, married Jo-Ann Cohen; *Mary Brennan*, switchboard operator in Vanderbilt Clinic Administration, married Walter Hiller; Loretta Kun, Wu Kan, daughter of Mrs. Linda Hsu, Nurses Registry, became the bride of Dr. San Fu Tuan; *Norma Agostini*, Statistical Unit, became the bride of Victor Rodrigues; *Joseph Salerno*, Accountant, wed Miss Josephine Mancuso; *Cathy Stratis*, Typing Unit, was married to Vincent Crovatto and *Jane Rusaky*, Patients' Accounts married Constantine Petrides. We wish them all much happiness!

Future bridal couples are Helen Davis and *Edmund Chaitman*, fourth year medical student; Miss Elke Pehmoeller and Dr. *Manfred I. Behrens*, resident in psychiatry; *Marcia Lynn Getz*, first year medical student, and Dr. *Donald A. Gerber*, P&S graduate.

Mrs. *Marge Hennessy*, Compensation & Liability Unit, welcomed her fifth granddaughter; Mrs. *Martin Bergin*, Sloane Clinic, 4th floor, has a first grandchild, Donald Warren Keegan; Mrs. *Frances Murnion*, nurses aide, HP 8, welcomed a new grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. *Richard O'Sullivan* have a newborn son, Timothy. Father is in the Engineering Department.

Congratulations! *Jim Kiernan* and *Tom Rowe*, Accountants, who received their certificates as parachute jumpers; *Betty Johnson*, promoted to Housekeeper in the Eye Institute; Mrs. *Ethel Ray*, promoted to Assistant Supervisor in Vanderbilt Clinic.

Farewell to Mrs. *Catherine Fusco*, Vanderbilt Clinic, and Mrs. *Lorraine Allen*, Infant Technician, Sloane Nursery 15.

We welcome Mrs. *Eleanor Shelley*, supervisor in Occupational Therapy, and *Cindy Zimmerman*, staff therapist, and Mrs. *Kathleen Quigley*, transferred to Vanderbilt Clinic.

Lucky vacationers among us: Mrs. *Carmen Sarich*, Record Department, is on a six week visit to her sister in Australia; *Barbara Martin*, Librarian, will be spending a month in Florida; *Jim Nelan*, Laundry, just returned from a 3 week visit in Italy. During his stay in Rome he attended the ordination to the priesthood of his nephew.

Interesting bits! *Irene Light*, staff nurse, has returned to her missionary work with the Africa Inland Mission. On her way she will make a six month stopover in Switzerland to study French, the official language of the Congo Republic where she will be working.

*Phyllis Feinberg*, medical secretary in Doctors' Private Offices, first floor Harkness, was married to Michael P. Mait of New York on February 2, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The Mother Goose Ball to benefit the Medical Center Nursery School, is scheduled for May 16 in the Wohlman Ballroom of Ferris Booth Hall. Chairman is Dr. *Joseph O'Brien* at Neuro.

Promotions in the Nursing Department—to Head Nurse: Mrs. *Carolyn Kumasaka*, PH Operating Room; *Mildred Cameron*, *Dorothy Hayes* and Mrs. *Penelope Wood*, Neuro Operating Room; *Mona Carlson*, Vanderbilt Clinic; *Dorothy Rice*, Neuro and *Kathleen Geraghty*, Harkness Pavilion.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

Drs. *Rustin McIntosh*, Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics and *Abner Wolf*, Attending Neuropathologist, are chairman and co-chairman of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation's Second Annual Scientific Symposium on Mental Retardation rescheduled for 9 a.m. February 5 at the Americana Hotel.

The Symposium on the Placenta, sponsored by the Greater New York Chapter of the National Foundation on March 6 at the New York Academy of Medicine, will include Dr. *L. Stanley James*, Assistant Attending Pediatrician, and Dr. *William Blanc*, Associate Attending Pathologist, as moderators and Dr. Blanc will also speak on "Bacterial Infections."

Dr. *George P. Crikelair*, Director of Plastic Surgery, was guest lecturer at the University of Alabama Medical Center recently. Dr. Crikelair's visit was under the auspices of the Medical Education for National Defense Program. He spoke at the surgical staff conference on "Facial Injuries."

Dr. *Ralph Veenema*, Associate Attending Urologist, spoke recently at a meeting of the Section on Surgery. He was discussor on "Operative correction of post-prostatectomy incontinence."

Dr. *Frank E. Stinchfield*, Director of Orthopedic Surgery, gave a course in Orthoplasty of the Hip at the national meeting of the Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons in Chicago recently. Other participants were Dr. *Theodore Waugh*, Assistant Attending Orthopedic Surgeon, and Dr. *Jay Wagner*, Assistant Resident, spoke on "Results of ankle fusions in the paralytic limbs over an extended period of time."

Dr. *Robert E. Carroll*, Attending Orthopedic Surgeon gave a talk on Reconstruction in the rheumatoid hand, at the recent national meeting of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand.

Dr. *Melvin D. Yahr*, Assistant Dean, attended the Coordinators' Conference of Medical Education for National Defense, held January 15-17 in Pensacola, Fla.

Dr. *John H. Laragh*, Associate Attending Physician, spoke at the Conference on Advances in the Management of Chronic Heart Disease at the recent meeting of the New York Heart Association. His topic was "Mechanisms and Management of Intractable Congestive Heart Failure."

Dr. *George A. Perera*, Attending Physician, participated in a televised clinical science seminar on Hypertension and Drs. *Nicholas P. Christy*, Associate Attending Physician, *Charles W. Ragan*, Attending Physician, and *Elliott Middleton, Jr.*, Associate in Medicine, took part in the program "The Use and Abuse of Adrenal Cortical Steroids." The closed circuit shows were televised at the New York Academy of Medicine.

Dr. *Thomas V. Santulli*, Attend-

ing Surgeon, presented a paper "Polyps of the Colon," at a recent meeting of the Section on Surgery.

Dr. *Herbert C. Maier*, Associate Attending Surgeon, presented the Paper of the Evening at the Thoracic Disease Conference on February 3. The title was "Congenital vascular lesions of the lungs."

Dr. *George K. Smelser*, Professor of Anatomy, presented "The contribution of electron microscopy to the study of the structures of the retina," at the January meeting of the New York Society of Clinical Ophthalmology.

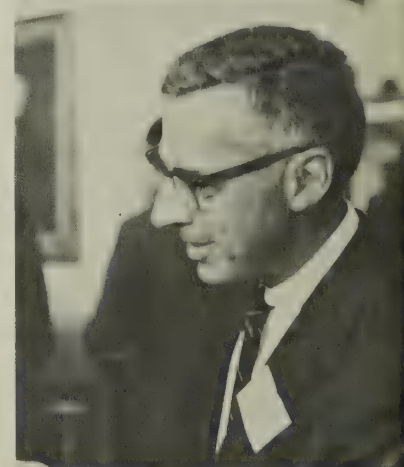
Drs. *Howard C. Taylor, Jr.*, Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology and *Henry Clay Frick, II*, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, were speakers at the panel on training of the gynecological surgeon at the January meeting of the New York Gynecological Society.

Dr. *John M. Baldwin*, Assistant Attending Physician, and Dr. *Henry Aranow, Jr.*, Associate Attending Physician, were invited guests in Monrovia at the inauguration of the President of Liberia, William Vancanarat Shadrach Tubman. Dr. Baldwin holds the decoration Order of the African Redemption, presented to him at the inauguration of President Tubman four years ago.

Dr. *William M. Rogers*, Assistant Professor of Anatomy, and Dr. *James Harrison*, Instructor in Anatomy with Dr. *Kent Ellis*, Associate Attending Radiologist, participated in a televised presentation of Phonocinefluorocardiography, a diagnostic technique for evaluating heart defects, for the United States Information Agencies Science Report, to be shown in Latin America and Africa.

Dr. *Aranow* will give the lecture on "Spontaneous Hypoglycemia," at the New York Diabetes Association lectures at Lenox Hill Hospital on February 18 at 8:15 p.m.

Dr. *Donald Holub*, Assistant Physician, took part in the recent Clinical Society of the New York Diabetes Association's seminar "Pituitary Ablation in the Management of Diabetic Retinopathy—A Critical Evaluation." His topic was Post-operative and long-term management of the patient.



Dr. George A. Perera



## IN MEMORIAM

### MRS. MARION TRILLING

Mrs. Marion (Rust) Trilling, 65, chief medical transcriber in the Record Department until her retirement in August, died Jan. 6 in Presbyterian Hospital.

A memorial service for her was conducted by Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., on Jan. 9 in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel.

Contributions in her memory are being made to the Ottmen Cancer Memorial Fund at Presbyterian Hospital.

Mrs. Trilling began her employment with the Medical Center April 7, 1943, and always worked in the Record Department. She was honored at a party given by her co-workers and friends when she retired.

She was born in Gloucester, Mass., and was graduated in 1920 from Simmons College, Boston.

### FORMER LIBRARIAN

Her early career was in the field of library science. She was a librarian at New York Public Library, then at City College of New York. She taught summer classes in library science at Columbia University and organized libraries in Mississippi and Tennessee.

She had a great affection for Cape Cod and spent whatever time she could in a cottage she and her husband owned there.

She is survived by her husband, Louis R. Trilling, and a daughter, Mrs. Roberta Wolfe, a Presbyterian Hospital physical therapist.

## Veterans Hospital Names Dr. Snow As Director of Physical Medicine

Dr. William Benham Snow, former Director of Physical Medicine and Occupational Therapy for 33 years, and Professor Emeritus of Physical Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has accepted an appointment as Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Bath Veterans Administrative Center in Bath, N. Y.

### RESIDES IN BATH

Dr. and Mrs. Snow reside in Bath, N. Y. Dr. Snow is a consultant in physical medicine at Presbyterian Hospital, and, until his retirement in 1960, had also been attending physician in physical medicine at the Mary Harkness Unit.

He served as president of

## RESIDENTS STRIVE TO GIVE THE HANDICAPPED COMPETENCE AND CONFIDENCE THEY NEED

"Patient motivation" is a term that is used frequently by the residents in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation as they discuss their work.

Drs. Antonio Cocchiarella and Hans J. Heller, the residents, agree that one of their most important functions besides providing medical care and rehabilitation, is to motivate a handicapped patient to want to become an independent and useful member of society.

Where such motivation does not exist in a patient, they and other members of the rehabilitation team strive to create it; where motivation exists in limited degree, they try to increase it.

Although the residents were interviewed separately, they agreed on what brings them the greatest satisfaction in their work: seeing a handicapped patient return home competent and confident enough to take up life again.

As residents in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Drs. Cocchiarella and Heller work closely with a team that also includes nurses, physical and occupational therapists, social workers, and rehabilitation counsellors. Even after patients go home, specialists follow up on their cases to insure that all is going well.

"We have a very close relationship with our patients," said Dr. Heller. "We become very attached to them while they are here and the progress they make means very much to us."

### BORN IN PRUSSIA

Dr. Heller is a native of Prussia and is descended from a long line of physicians on his father's side of the family. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Innsbruck, Austria, then completed his pre-clinical education in medicine at the

University of Munich. He was awarded his M.D. by the University of Siena, Italy, in 1958.

His later experience includes work as a fellow in cancer research with Dr. Alfred Gellhorn at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and a year's internship at Englewood, N. J. Hospital.

In 1960-61, he was enrolled in the post-graduate course for foreign-graduate physicians at New York University, required study for those who wished to prepare for the New York State license examination.

At N.Y.U. he met Dr. Cocchiarella, who also was taking the course for foreign-graduate doctors. Since then their careers have paralleled each other.

### FLYING PHYSICIAN

Dr. Cocchiarella was born in Udine, in the northeastern part of Italy. He received his M.D. in 1953 from the University of Bari, where his father was professor of mathematics. For the next three years he was a doctor in the Italian Air Force and flew "every time I could — after checking the pilot's qualifications, of course."

In 1956 he came to the United States in an exchange program and served a year as intern at Mount Vernon, N. Y., Hospital. For the next two years he was, first, a fellow in experimental surgery at Bellevue Hospital, then a resident in anesthesiology at Polyclinic Hospital.

In November 1958 he married Teresa Arzonetti, whom he had met at Mount Vernon Hospital, where she was a volunteer. The next year, while they were living temporarily in Italy, they became parents of a daughter,



Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residents Drs. Hans Heller and Antonio Cocchiarella (kneeling) aid and encourage a handicapped patient.

ter, Francesca. She is now four years old.

Dr. Heller was wed last year to the former Judy Albergetti, a social worker here at the Medical Center.

After Drs. Cocchiarella and Heller completed their course at N.Y.U. in 1961, they began a one-year residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation with Dr. Howard Rusk at New York University-Bellevue Medical Center.

Since July 1961 they have been at the Medical Center, working with Dr. Robert Darling, Director of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Most of their duties are

performed among patients in the new physical medicine and rehabilitation center on the eighth floor of Neurological Institute. On this floor is located a 16-bed unit that provides an intensive program for the rehabilitation of handicapped patients.

They also work with outpatients in the arthritis and cerebral palsy clinics at Vanderbilt Clinic and with handicapped in-patients referred from various other areas of the hospital.

When they complete their residency program in July, both doctors will remain on the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation staff.

## Nurse M. Callen Is Retired; P.H. Was Her Only Employer During Her 36 Years In U.S.A.

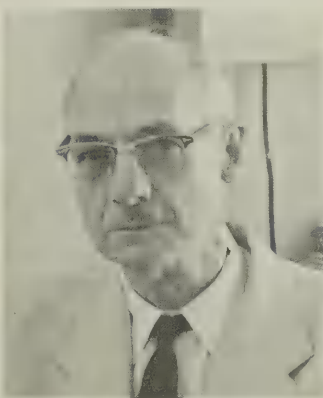
Miss Margaret T. Callen, head nurse in the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic of Vanderbilt Clinic, retired Jan. 21 after 36 years of service to the Hospital.

Born in Ireland, she received her nursing education at St. Vincent's Hospital in Dublin. She came to the United States in 1927 and joined the nursing staff of the old Presbyterian

Hospital.

In the early days of the Medical Center she was a nurse in Harkness Pavilion, then transferred to Vanderbilt Clinic more than 20 years ago. She was head nurse in the ENT Clinic for about 15 years.

Miss Callen plans a February and March vacation in Florida, then will live near the Hospital.

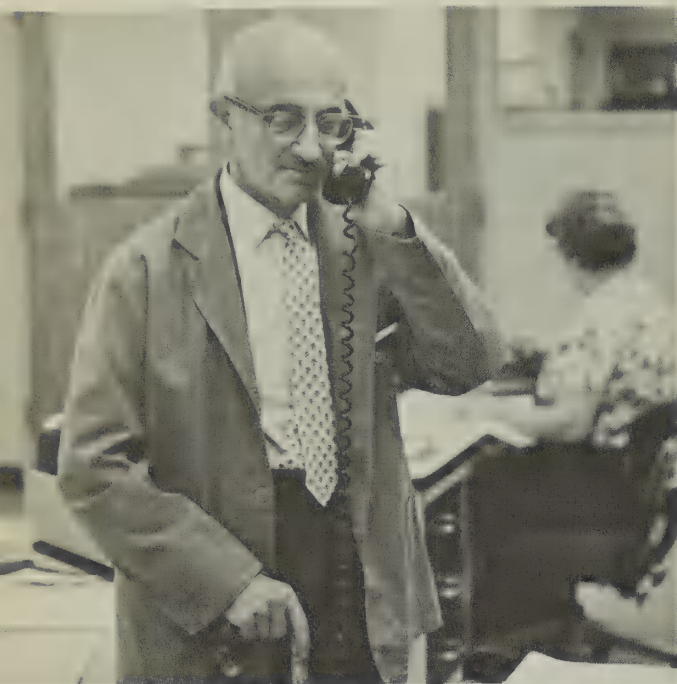


Dr. William Benham Snow

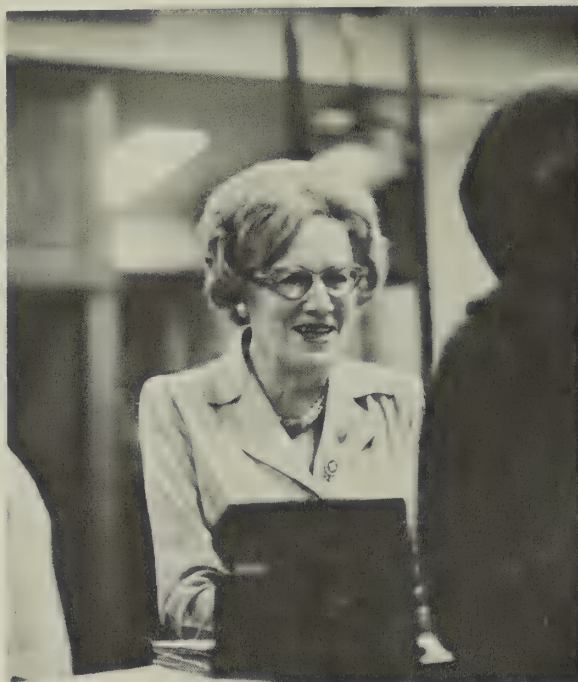
the American Congress of Physical Medicine in 1954 and was a 1963 recipient of the American Academy of General Practice Golden Key Award for his work in the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped.



# VOLUNTEERS SET RECORD FOR S



Mr. Ludwig Mayer spends each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon as a volunteer in the Accounting Department.



Patients seeking help at the information desk in Vanderbilt Clinic may well get their answers from Mrs. Betsy Koenigsberg.



Miss Joan Cleveland of Ridgewood works a 40-hour week in the Eye Muscle Clinic of Vanderbilt Clinic.



Packaging cotton balls occupies Mrs. Ida Rosch, who contributed 1,600 hours of her time to Sterile Supply in 1963.

THR



The game is checkers, the aim is to maintain patient morale at a high level. The Candystriper: Diane Sims.

## *Their Hours Add Up To 129,763*

On the recreation floor of Babies Hospital, four young ladies from Mills College worked as volunteers with the little patients one day each week.

In the Protective Department, a retired teacher undertook the task of setting their files in order. Patients in Neurological Institute had books brought to their bedside by Women's Auxiliary members.

A teenage Candystriper played checkers with a patient in Presbyterian Hospital, and a man, whose wife also volunteers here, sat at the Recovery Room control desk.

Male and female, young and old, these dedicated volunteers, as well as more than

1,000 like them, served the Hospital and our patients last year.

When the hours of service of all these volunteers were compiled at year's end, the total indicated there never before had been such a year in the history of the Volunteer Department.

Mrs. Marguerite Stein, Volunteer Director, said that the 1,094 persons who volunteered here in 1963 served 129,763 hours, 11,205 hours more than the previous one-year record, which was set in 1962.

Presbyterian Hospital leads all hospitals in the Greater New York area in hours contributed by volunteers.

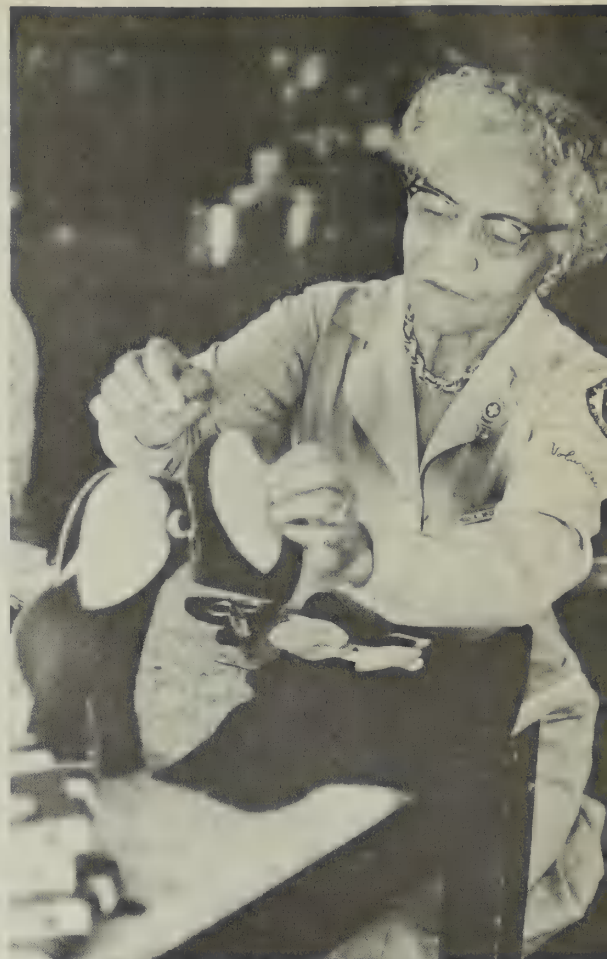


# RVICE



This vivacious quartet of students from Mills College was popular among Babies Hospital patients.

A loyal and very valuable addition to the Volunteer Office is Miss Hattie Bruns.



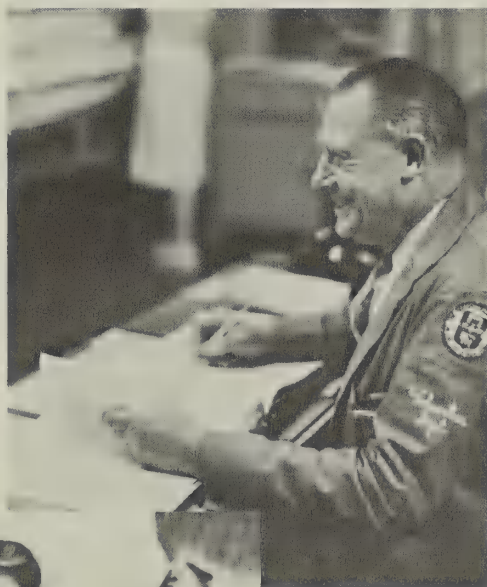
Dumbo, stuffed cloth model, receives ■■■■ from the deft hands of Mrs. Katherine McConnell in Occupational Therapy.

## CHEERS FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS



Loading a bookcart for patients in Neuro are, from left, Mrs. Howard G. Bruenn, Librarian Barbara Martin, and Mrs. Rollo J. Masselink.

At the control desk of the Recovery Room is George Damasky. His wife is also ■ Volunteer.



Mrs. Millie Roth, at files in Protective Dept., taught school for 35 years in Manhattan.



Four days a week you'll find Mrs. Helen Harris at work in the Speech and Hearing Clinic of Vanderbilt Clinic.



Mrs. Bess Goodman, filling in here for a day ■ the control desk, PH-10, has been ■ volunteer here for 13 years.

Mrs. Gertrude McDonnell labels bottles in the Pharmacy.







Rev. J. G. Drummond

## New Zealand Cleric Is Serving Hospital

The Rev. J. Grahame Drummond, a 28-year-old Presbyterian clergyman from Auckland, New Zealand, is serving the hospital for three months as associate Protestant chaplain.

Son of a New Zealand magistrate (equivalent to an American judge), he was graduated from the University of New Zealand in 1955 and from Knox Theological College, Dunedin, in 1958.

After completing his seminary studies, the Rev. Mr. Drummond organized a new parish in Hamilton, a fast-growing city of 50,000 inhabitants. From a small nucleus of original members, the membership in the new church grew to 200 in four years.

In 1963 he came to the United States, exchanging pulpits for one year with the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Fulton, N. Y. He will return to New Zealand in April to become chaplain for three hospitals in Auckland.

## Mrs. Grace Mallen, Retiring Presser, Will Work with Sons

Grace Mallen, a presser in the hospital laundry for 17 years, retired on Feb. 1.



Mrs. Grace Mallen

## We Are Grateful To All Who Helped Make Yule Happy

A sincere thank you to all who helped make Christmas beautiful and happy for our patients and visitors is expressed by Miss Elizabeth R. Callahan, unit manager of Babies Hospital and chairman of the Christmas Committee.

Miss Callahan said she wishes to extend her gratitude especially to the other unit managers and department representatives who helped her on the committee; to individuals who decorated their offices and floors; to members of the Housekeeping Department who distributed and picked up holiday decorations, and to those in the Maintenance Department who put up the outdoor trees.

Warm thanks go, too, to all persons and organizations listed below who contributed money and other gifts to make Christmas 1963 a pleasant memory for our little patients.

### GIFTS TO BABIES HOSPITAL

Mr. Irving Abelow  
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Church  
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Mrs. C. Hill  
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Miss Clara E. Kirchdoerffer  
Mrs. M. Larken  
Mr. Jerome Lesser  
Miss Annette Levine  
Lions Club, Upper Manhattan  
Miss Helen M. McDonough  
Mr. Roland B. McIntosh  
Miss Naoma Lowensohn  
Mrs. E. F. Maks  
Mr. G. R. Masten  
Miss Dorothy M. Metzger

Mrs. Mallen was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and came to New York 45 years ago. She began her employment here Sept. 9, 1946.

She has two sons and two daughters, all married, and six grandchildren. In a month or so, she plans to visit a daughter in Los Angeles.

"I love to travel," she said, "and I've always wanted to see that part of the country."

Mrs. Mallen will work part time for her sons, both of whom are photographers.

## Friends Applaud His Holiday Greeting: Gifts In Their Name To Babies Hospital

Friends and business associates of a New Jersey manufacturer have enthusiastically endorsed his unusual expression of holiday greetings.

Instead of sending a traditional gift to those he wished to remember at Christmas, Mr. Samuel Rogovin of Fort Lee presented contributions in their name to the emergency nursing fund of Babies Hospital.

### NURSING CARE

Mr. Rogovin, a long-time friend of Babies, wrote a letter to each associate so remembered, told them of the gift, and explained that the emergency fund provides round-the-clock intensive nursing care in the hospital wards for children whose parents are unable to meet the costs.

The response from Mr. Rogovin's colleagues was immediate approval and gratitude.

"Thank you for your consideration in remembering us at this time of year," one associate wrote to Mr. Rogovin. "We heartily approve of your method of doing so."

"I appreciate this kind of remembrance as it seems to me this is the true spirit of the Christmas season," wrote another.

Mr. E. Metzger  
Mrs. Morton J. Metzler  
Miss Sarah E. Morris  
Miss Dorothea S. Morse  
New York Public Library,  
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Miss Mathilda Perry  
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Senior Supervisors & Officers of  
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Presbyterian Hospital  
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Mr. and Mrs. A. Soloway  
Miss Doris M. Tarrant  
Mrs. Maurice Terry  
Mrs. Carl Tucker  
Miss E. R. Vandervliet  
Miss Gertrude Weiner  
Mr. Robert Weinstein  
Mrs. Elsie L. Wells  
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Miss Winsome Worthen  
Mrs. I. Woodard

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Metropolitan Life Insurance  
Company



SAMUEL ROGOVIN  
Liked the Response

"I feel deeply honored and gratified at your kind thoughtfulness," another responded.

Two recipients expressed their feelings in greater detail.

"Each year I am embarrassed by the generosity of my suppliers, especially when I think of how much good the money spent on a gift for me could do for some poor unfortunate who has no one to look out for him," one man explained. "I am sincerely happy that you have made this contribution to the emergency

nursing fund at Babies Hospital. I think this is a very wonderful thing to do."

These sentiments were seconded by another recipient. "It is indeed a very worthwhile charitable endeavor and the benefit from a contribution of this nature will be lasting. It is a very practical means of remembrance and I very sincerely thank you."

### BAR MITZVAH

Mr. Rogovin, heartened by the response to his Christmas gifts, recently sent a contribution to Babies Hospital in the name of a boy celebrating his bar mitzvah.

Head of manufacturing firms in Hackensack, N. J., and Southington, Conn., Mr. Rogovin has been a loyal and generous friend of Babies Hospital since his son, Jeffrey, was a patient here a number of years ago.

Jeffrey, a freshman at Temple University, Philadelphia, suffered from nephrosis, a serious kidney disease. He was hospitalized in Babies for about two years over a nine year period and now returns as a volunteer whenever his schedule permits.

## VEXED VICTIM'S VERSE TO A VILE, VILE VIRUS

We have heard again from our poetic observer of the passing scene, Mary Wellington. *Stethoscope* readers may remember Mary, secretary (as well as poetess) in the Department of Microbiology, for a poem on the endless series of forms we must fill out in today's world. It was published in the July-August 1963 issue under the heading, "Angered By Questionnaires, She Goes From Mad to Verse." It seems something has been bugging Mary or, if you wish, has gotten her down. Such a little thing, too.

### LAMENT TO A VIRILE VIRUS

I have a little virus that's  
Become a part of me,  
And where it's going to lead me I  
Can very plainly see:  
My bed has opened to receive  
My fevered, pain-racked frame;  
And just how long I'll toss and turn  
Remains a guessing game.

Although it's very, very small,  
This virus that is mine,  
It has the strength to wreck my throat,  
My sinuses, my spine.  
My temperature it now has raised  
To Atlas heights of fame  
And I, no matter how I try,  
Cannot its fury tame.

I have a tiny virus that  
Is much too small to see—  
A horrid little virus that  
Has got the best of me!



# IN MEMORIAM

## MR. GRISWOLD

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W & J Sloane, Inc., Mr. Griswold was elected a trustee of the Hospital on April 11, 1922, and was vice president of the board for over three decades. He also served for a time on the Joint Administrative Board of the Medical Center.

Among his many valuable contributions to the Medical Center, Mr. Griswold was instrumental in formulating plans for the present Mary Harkness Unit. He became an honorary trustee in 1958.

His son, William E. S. Griswold, Jr., has been on the board of trustees since 1943.

Mr. Griswold was born Jan. 8, 1877, in Erie, Pa. He was graduated from Yale University in 1899 and studied at Harvard Law School, 1899-1901. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1902.

### RESIGNED PRESIDENCY

Mr. Griswold resigned as president of W & J Sloane in 1940 and then from the board of the firm in 1955, the year his son, William Jr., resigned as president.

He has been a director of the Connecticut Light & Power Company, the Northern Pacific Railway, and Commercial Solvents Corp., and a trustee of Greenwich Savings Bank.

Mr. Griswold was formerly chairman of the board of directors of the Y.W.C.A. of New York City and served as trustee of the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library and the MacCurdy-Salisbury Educational Foundation, both in Old Lyme.

## DR. FOWLER

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Contributions in his memory are being made to the Fowler Fund for Otolaryngology, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Fowler, descended from a long line of physicians, was born in New York City in 1905. He was graduated from Storm King School, Dartmouth College (A.B. 1926), and the College of Physicians and Surgeons (M.D., 1930). He was the sixth generation of his family to earn an M.D. from P&S.

### INTERNEED AT PRESBYTERIAN

He interned at Presbyterian Hospital, 1931-33, then was a resident in otolaryngology, 1934-36. Since 1938 he was director of research in the Department of Otolaryngology and contributed to the training of numerous otolaryngologists for research and teaching.

A consultant in audiology to the Veterans Administration, Dr. Fowler held the Legion of Merit, presented for his work on aero-otitis for the 8th Air Force during World War II.

He was vice president of the American Otological Society, past president of the

Audiology Foundation, and for many years president of the American Society for the Hard of Hearing. In 1961 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Other organizations in which he was active include the American Society of Otolaryngology; the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology; New York Otological Society; New York Academy of Medicine; American Speech and Hearing Association; Deafness Research Foundation, and the National Institute for Neurological Disease and Blindness.

He authored the book, "Medicine of the Ear," and numerous papers and articles on this subject.

### SURVIVORS

Surviving are his widow, the former Olivia Jarrett; a son, Edmund Prince Fowler III, a student at Dartmouth; a daughter, Heather; his father, Dr. Edmund Prince Fowler, a member of the P&S Class of 1900; a sister, Mrs. James H. Maroney, and two brothers, Benjamin Fowler of New York and Professor George Fowler of University of Pittsburgh.

He made his permanent home in Old Lyme at Black Hall, the ancestral home of the Griswold Family, which gave Connecticut six governors. Some of the original furniture and accessories of those state officials are still in the home.

He was active in Yale alumni circles, and belonged to the University and Yale Clubs in New York.

Mr. Griswold's first wife, Evelyn Sloane Griswold, died in 1944.

Surviving, in addition to Mr. Griswold's son, William Jr., are his widow, the former Ruth Emery Ledyard, whom he married in 1948; two daughters, Mrs. Woodbridge Bingham and Mrs. Dana T. Bartholomew, and another son, John S. Griswold.



Student Nurse Co-chairman Virginia Maeyer stands before poster indicating top raffle prize, a week's vacation for two in Virgin Islands.

## You May Win A Prize While Helping Nursing Education

An enticing list of prizes that includes everything from furs and jewelry to theater tickets and a vacation for two in the Virgin Islands is being offered in this year's raffle for the Student Nurse Scholarship Fund.

Tickets will be available from all nursing personnel beginning in mid-February and the drawing will be during the annual Student Nurse Benefit Card Party, April 22 in Maxwell Hall.

During the past five years, proceeds from the raffle and card party have helped finance the education of at least 20 of our student nurses each year.

### KITTY CARLISLE

Honorary chairman of the card party is noted television personality Miss Kitty Carlisle. Miss Helen Young, Mrs. Grayson Kirk and Mrs. H. Houston Merritt are honorary sponsors.

A few of the raffle prizes, in addition to the one week trip for two to the Virgin Islands that is donated by Walter Phillips of Water Isle, St. Thomas, are a fur by Bronxville Furriers, six men's shirts by Hathaway, a clock radio by Sylvania, and an electric toaster by Demarest Hardware, Tenafly, N. J.

Also being offered are a Sony transistor radio, by Turtle & Hughes; a lady's handbag, by Tailored Woman; a \$100 B. Altman gift certificate, by Mrs. Herbert Allen; a silver tray, by B. Altman, and an electric coffee-maker, by James Frick.

### "BAREFOOT IN THE PARK"

Other prizes include two tickets to "Barefoot in the Park," lady's matched luggage, a gold charm bracelet, a hair dryer, handmade afghan, handmade rug, and a table radio.

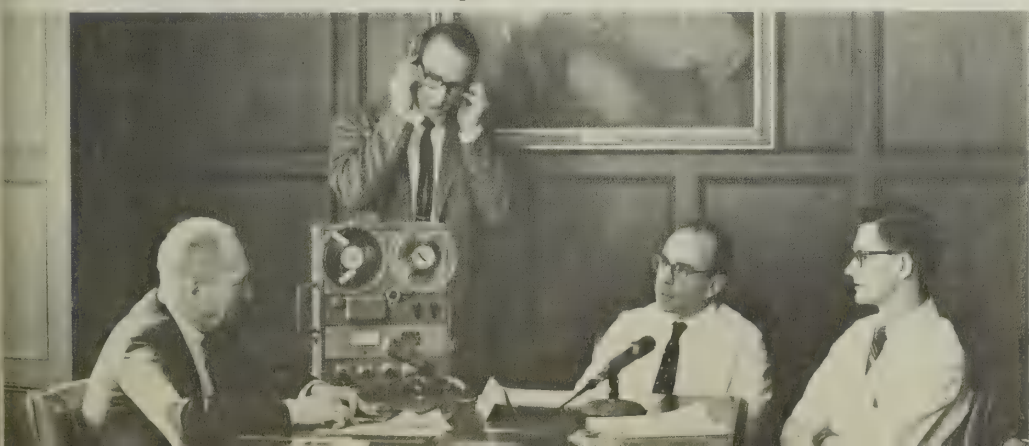
Many other gifts have been donated for door and table prizes at the card party.

Mrs. Robert H. E. Elliott, Jr., is again serving as chairman of the card party. Assisting her are the Misses Helen Anderson and Virginia Maeyer, student co-chairmen; Mrs. Milton B. Philips, vice-chairman; Mrs. George C. Hennig, secretary; Mrs. Arthur L. B. Richardson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Hiram P. Salter, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. Robert Weeks, Jr., prize chairman; Mrs. Edward B. Self, sponsor chairman; Miss Florence Vanderbilt, tea chairman; Mrs. Everett C. Bragg, printing chairman, and Miss Martha Haber, publicity chairman.

## PEDIATRICIANS AIR VIEWS OVER WABC

Taping a program in the series being done at Babies Hospital is Professor William Wood, School of Journalism, Columbia, WABC's engineer, Dr. William Silverman and Dr. John Sinclair. This program entitled "Specific Problems of the Premature Baby" will be heard on February 9 at 10 a.m. over station WABC, 770 on your dial.

Weekly programs are being produced at Babies Hospital and those scheduled for Sunday, February 16, and Sunday, February 23, are on Accidental Poisonings in Children, discussed by Dr. Robert W. Winters and Dr. Robert B. Mellins. Later programs will be listed in next month's *Stethoscope*.



## FAIR TICKETS—FAIR PRICE

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Any hospital employees who wish to obtain these tickets need only fill out the order forms provided with their pay checks and return the forms to their departmental supervisors on or before MONDAY, FEB. 10, 1964.

Supervisors must forward these orders to the Assistant Treasurer's office before February 13. It is expected that the tickets will be available on or about March 15 and will be distributed with pay checks. The tickets are to be paid for in cash upon receipt. They will be valid during both 1964 and 1965 periods of the World's Fair.





THE REWARD WAS \$100,000

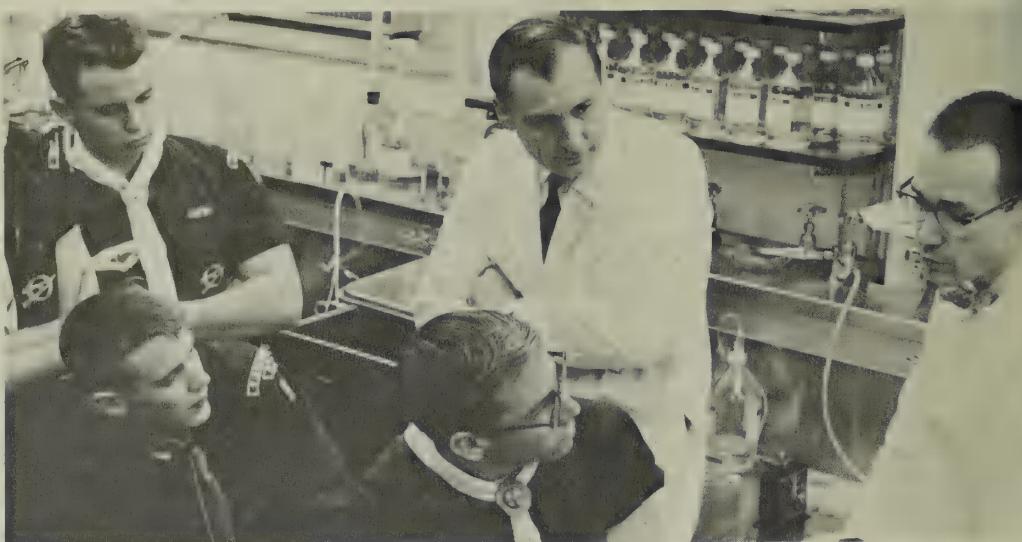
Dr. John K. Lattimer shows his secretary, Miss Elsie Coffin, a "wanted" poster circulated at the time of Lincoln's assassination. It is among the items to be seen in the Lincoln-Washington displays this month in the Milbank Library.

## Library Exhibits Honor Lincoln and Washington

Hospital and college personnel are invited to view displays honoring the memories of Presidents Lincoln and Washington that are being exhibited throughout February in Milbank Library, located on the 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

The interesting displays are made up of items from the collection of Dr. John K. Lattimer. Known generally as Professor of Urology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Director of the Service of Urology at The Presbyterian Hospital, Dr. Lattimer is less well known as an amateur medical and military historian and a collector of outstanding objects of Americana.

## EXPLORING MEDICINE



Explorer Scouts from Ridgewood-Glen Rock, New Jersey area listen attentively to Dr. John B. Price, Jr., during their recent all day visit to Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Dr. George F. Crikelair, Director of Plastic Surgery at the Medical Center who arranged for the visit looks on.



Dr. William Blanc discusses microscopic studies with the Explorers in Pathology Laboratory



Dr. David V. Habib held an informal session with the Explorers and helped them explore surgery.

## TWO MAJOR GIFTS TO EDUCATION

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Mrs. Clark told Dr. Merritt her mother's only hospital experience had been at the Center "many years ago," three members of the family had been born there and others had been treated successfully there.

Dean Merritt said the gifts come at a time when there is a serious shortage of nurses. The situation is so acute, he said, that some hospitals have been unable to staff all their facilities.

"The faculty of the Medical School," he said, "is greatly pleased that Mr. and Mrs. Clark have recognized the great need for well trained nurses for practice and for nursing education by this magnificent gift."

Dr. Grayson Kirk, president of Columbia, said: "Maintaining and enhancing excellence in nursing education at Columbia is vital if the Medical Center is to continue its pre-eminence as a training center for those aspiring to careers in the health professions. We are tremendously fortunate in having among our friends those who understand and sympathize with this need and who respond to it so generously."

The Clarks' gift will build and equip two floors of the planned Augustus C. Long Medical Library. Construc-

small part to the generous aid which the Macy Foundation has given us in the past."

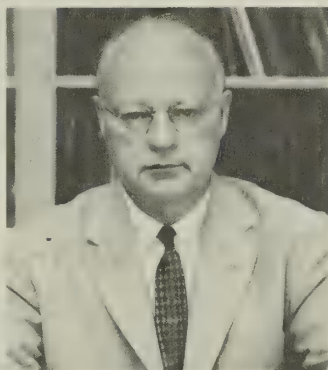
The Macy Foundation has assisted in the support of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in its program of research in human reproduction since 1931.

Dean Merritt emphasized that the new Macy Foundation grant, and the Foundation's previous support, are vital in the struggle to meet the health needs of the country.

"These health needs will not be met by mass education or the vocational training of large numbers of inadequately-trained physicians," the Columbia dean declared. "They will be met by the intensive preparation of leaders in the clinical and basic sciences for teaching, research, and practice which emphasizes high excellence and competence."

"Such a grant as this from the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation is invaluable in carrying out this training and preparation of the nation's coming leaders in the medical profession," Dean Merritt asserted.

Mr. Michalis pointed out that one of the country's urgent medical needs is to place the future research and teaching in obstetrics



DEAN MERRITT Expresses Gratitude

tion of the new building, one of nine projects in the \$50,000,000 Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Program, is expected to begin in about a year. The two floors will contain classrooms, lecture halls, demonstration rooms and other facilities for nursing education.

Dean Merritt said "educational opportunities in nursing at Columbia will expand as a result of the gifts." Current enrollment in the Department of Nursing is 400.

and in the field of human reproduction on the same plane as that of the departments of medicine and surgery.

"It may take considerable effort and time to establish this field upon a scientific basis comparable to the developments in medicine and surgery," he said. "To accomplish this will require the sustained cooperation of the universities, the teaching hospitals, the professional societies, the foundations, and the government."

The Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation was established in 1930 by Mrs. Kate Macy Ladd as a memorial to her father. Its current president is Dr. Willard C. Rappleye, dean emeritus of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.







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Elsie Coffin tells a little patient of the wonders of a circus.

## Our Nursing Educators Discuss Growing Needs

The Department of Nursing of Columbia University's Faculty of Medicine recently received from the Van Alen Clarks of New York \$1,000,000 for new facilities for nursing education and the assurance of \$15,000 annually for scholarships.

An interpretation of what these magnificent gifts mean to our school of nursing is presented in this interview with Miss Elizabeth S. Gill, Associate Dean, Nursing, and Miss Helen F. Pettit, Professor of Nursing.

In the past decade, enrollment in our school of nursing has increased by one-third, but available classroom space has had to decline in hospital areas as other demands for space became pressing. Remodeling has helped, but facilities are inadequate, causing as many as five faculty members to share an office, making student counselling difficult, and necessitating the use of areas in Maxwell Hall (the student residence) for offices and classrooms.

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## 25 Year Club's Annual Banquet Set for April 30

Dr. Alan DeForest Smith, professor emeritus of orthopedic surgery, will be toastmaster at the annual banquet of the 25 Year Club in Bard Hall on April 30.

A cocktail party at 6:30 will precede the dinner.

Dr. Smith, who retired in 1956 as director of the Service of Orthopedic Surgery, is completing a one-year term as president of the 25 Year Club.

New officers will be elected at the dinner.

## To Elsie Coffin and Squier Clinic Tots, Spring = Circus

Every year about this time, as the days are with us longer and omens of spring grow stronger, Miss Elsie Coffin begins getting excited.

Spring means that the circus is coming to town. And when it does, Elsie will be taking the kids of Squier Urological Clinic to the circus, just as she's been doing since 1955.

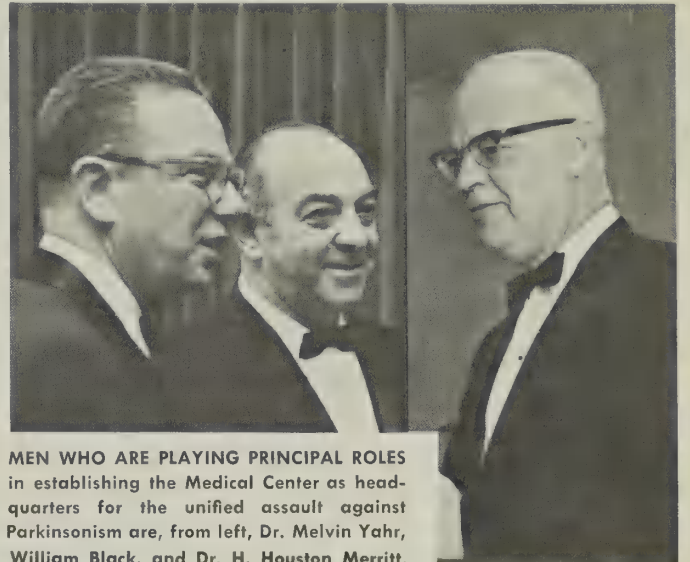
Last year, for example, 35 young Squier patients, accompanied by as many adult sponsors from the Medical Center, rode a chartered subway car to Madison Square Garden. There they forgot about sickness in the enchantment created by the marvelous human and animal performers who work their therapeutic magic in the name of Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey.

"It was a wonderful day, a very rewarding day, for the youngsters and for all the rest of us," said Elsie, departmental secretary in Squier Clinic.

The Squier Circus Party, as the annual adventure is called, had its origin in Elsie's mind ten years ago.

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## MEDICAL CENTER SITE OF UNIFIED ATTACK ON PARKINSON'S DISEASE



MEN WHO ARE PLAYING PRINCIPAL ROLES in establishing the Medical Center as headquarters for the unified assault against Parkinsonism are, from left, Dr. Melvin Yahr, William Black, and Dr. H. Houston Merritt.

Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center has been selected as the site for the nation's most intensive single attack against crippling Parkinson's disease, it was announced recently.

The National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness of the United States Public Health Service will grant \$3,000,000 to Columbia University to establish and maintain this international Parkinson's Disease Research and Information Center.

Drs. H. Houston Merritt and Melvin D. Yahr, who will share leadership of the center, explained at a recent news conference that the project will be devoted to seeking the cause or causes of Parkinsonism, sometimes called "the shaking palsy" and trying to uncover the best methods to treat and prevent the affliction which strikes thousands of Americans each year, usually persons in the 50-year-old age group.

A unique aspect of the venture is the combination of the government grant with the support of a private foundation, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, which will continue its generous support in the provision of research programs which have already made Columbia-Presbyterian a leading contributor to knowledge of Parkinsonism.

The center will use the research facilities and the library of the Medical School and the clinical facilities of Vanderbilt Clinic and Neurological Institute.

The William Black Medical Research Building, to be completed this year, will house the major research laboratories for this purpose.

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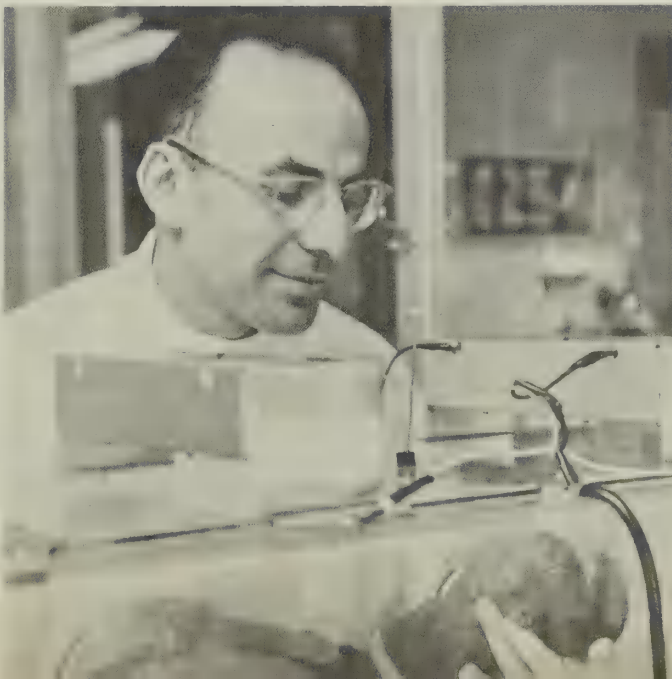
## ACADEMY COURSE DUE HERE ON PREEMIES

Dr. William A. Silverman, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Associate Attending Pediatrician, Babies Hospital, will be Course Chairman of a postgraduate course on *The Premature Infant*, sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The three day course will take place on March 19, 20, 21 in Bard Hall. About 100 pediatricians from the U. S. and Canada will attend the course.

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Dr. Silverman cares for Babies Hospital "preemie"





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## STETHOSCOPIA

Engagements in our midst: *Jane Ann London*, a Nurse in Blood Bank, will marry *Peter Foster Salomon*, senior at Physicians and Surgeons, in June.

Miss Lynn Seymour Sheppard of New York, will marry *Dr. William Muir Manger*, Assistant Physician, in May.

Recent Brides are: *Susan Gottschalk*, Blood Bank, who recently married Mr. Edward Rubin of Monroe, N. Y.; *Donna Eck*, Nurse in Sloane, who married Mr. Helmut Keiner of Lancaster, N. Y.; *Jo Ann Guadagno*, formerly a Nurse in Sloane, who was married to Mr. Alexander Cuevas of Newburgh, N. Y. *Dorothy Ziemer*, Nurse in Harkness who became the bride of Mr. John Duncan Wright of Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.; Miss Catherarine Parry of Albany, N. Y., who married *Charles Reul*, Fourth Year Medical student; *Ann Hardy*, teacher-director of the Medical Center Nursery School, who married *Cedric W. Porter, Jr.*, Fourth Year at P&S.

Congratulations to *Mrs. Catherine MacLean*, secretary in Nursing on her 30th anniversary at the Medical Center. Miss MacLean was honored at a tea at Maxwell Hall recently.

Condolences to *Mrs. Helen Smith*, Nurse at Mary Harkness, on the death of her mother.

A baby son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Domenick Avallone. Mother is *Mary Avallone*, former Public Health Instructor in Vanderbilt Clinic.

Winter vacationists include: *Dorothy Kinnear*, head dietitian in Harkness Pavilion and *Marion Holland*, night supervisor in Vanderbilt Clinic, who have finally realized their travel ambitions by visiting Timbuctu, Africa; *Aleta Kinley*, Vanderbilt Clinic, who attended the Olympics at Innsbruck; *Martine Laulicht*, Blood Bank, on a three months' visit to Europe.

At Mary Harkness Unit *Anne Denmark* and Volunteer *Mrs. Doris Volkhardt*, accompanied the latter's Senior Girl Scout Troop on a one week Canadian Skiing Trip, *Dr. John T. Beaty* is scuba diving off Cozume, Gulf of Mexico; *Mrs. Susan Millman* flew to Nassau for a week of suntanning and *Mrs. Helen Gosline* is enjoying a white vacation in New Hampshire.

We welcome: *Mary Delue* to Social Service; *Barbara Santolucito*, *Barbara Pearl*, *Michael Santana* and *Sarah Sullivan* to Blood Bank.

*Mary Hill*, Dietary Department, Mary Harkness, is back from sick leave.

Promoted to Head Nurse are: *Mrs. Janet Wilkerson*, Vanderbilt Clinic; *Carol Albers*, Neuro Operating Room; *Marie Kott*, Presbyterian Operating Room and *Glenna McKay*, Neuro.

— If you thought you saw the figure of George Washington walk through our first floor corridor last week—you did! At least he was represented in full regalia—tricorne, powdered wig, flowing cape-coat, boots and spurs—by a Washington Heights resident who portrays him at many patriotic celebrations.

Mr. Dubois, the Washington figure, does much of his historical reenacting at the Roger Morris-Jumel Mansion on West 160th Street and Edgecomb Avenue. This is a former Washington Headquarters under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

*Dr. Edmund N. Goodman*, Associate Attending Surgeon, will present a paper at the Congress of the Centennial of the Academy of Medicine in Mexico City April 30-May 6. His paper is entitled "The Development and Significance of the Electrogastrogram."



*Dr. John Scudder*, Associate Attending Surgeon, attended the meeting of the Florida Association of Blood Banks, Gainesville, Fla. February 28. Dr. Scudder will be host at the 12th Annual John G. Gibson, II Lecture on March 5.

*Dr. Harry M. Zimmerman*, Professor of Pathology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, delivered the 24th Middleton Goldsmith Lecture at the New York Pathological Society on February 27.

*Dr. Sidney Malitz*, Assistant Attending Psychiatrist, presented "Use and abuse of Psychopharmaceuticals" in a televised clinical science program at the New York Academy of Medicine on February 25.

*Dr. James R. Malm*, Associate Attending Surgeon, will be moderator on a panel discussion on "Problems of Open-Heart Surgery" on March 4 at the Academy of Medicine.

*Dr. Stuart F. Sullivan*, Associate in Anesthesiology, will present "Control of metabolic acidosis in extracorporeal circulation," at the same meeting.

*Dr. Gurston D. Goldin*, Attending Psychiatrist in Vanderbilt Clinic, has been appointed by the Borough President of Manhattan to membership in the Community Planning Board for District 12, which includes the Washington Heights area. This group serves to advise on regional planning matters in the field of community services and facilities.

*Dr. Robert E. Carroll*, Associate Attending Orthopedic Surgeon, spoke at the annual meeting of the New York State Society of Medicine recently. His topic was "The proper coverage of the acutely injured hand."

A five day Cystic Fibrosis Physical Therapy Workshop was held recently at Babies Hospital under the direction of *Dr. Herbert Cohen*, Assistant Pediatrician.

*Dr. Robert B. Salter*, Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada, was Visiting Professor at the New York Orthopaedic Hospital here last month. Highlight of Dr. Salter's visit was his lecture on "The Present Status of Innominate Osteotomy in the Treatment of Congenital Dislocation of the Hip."

The work of *Dr. Ralph Veenema*, Assistant Professor of Clinical

Urology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, was recognized by the "Medical World News" in its review of medicine for 1963 when they stated that Dr. Veenema made during the year "the most significant advance in cancer therapy." This referred to his work in suppressing young bladder cancers in both animals and men, with topical Thio-tepa. The prevention of recurrences of these bladder tumors is one of the prime problems of urological cancer workers and Dr. Veenema's work promises to help in this area.

*Dr. D. Keith McElroy*, Assistant Attending Orthopedic Surgeon, conducted a post graduate instructional course on "Failure of Low Back Surgery" at the recent annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in Chicago.

Recently *Dr. John K. Lattimer*, Chairman of the Department and Professor of Urology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, presented data on Genito-urinary Tuberculosis before the Annual Tuberculosis Symposium of the Veterans Administration and Armed Forces at Cincinnati, and on February 11 he presented a paper on "The Wound that Killed President Lincoln" before the New York State Medical Society at its annual meeting at the Hotel Americana, before the section on History of Medicine.

### Lincoln, Kennedy Slayings Similar

Many points of similarity in the assassinations of Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy have been noted by *Dr. Lattimer*.

In his paper on the wounds that killed the two men, prepared for the History of Medicine Section of the New York State Medical Society, *Dr. Lattimer* makes these observations:

- Both Lincoln and Kennedy were shot on a Friday.

- Each had his wife at his side at the time.

- Both persons accused of the murders, John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald, were gunned down despite precautions, their stories dying on silent lips.

- The accused assassins were so similar in size (medium height, slender build) that they might have worn each other's clothes.

- Both assassinated presidents were succeeded by vice presidents named Johnson, Lincoln by Andrew Johnson, Kennedy by Lyndon B. Johnson.



## Best UHF Campaign Raises \$102,195 in Direct Benefits

One hundred and ninety workers representing units of the Medical Center in the 1963-64 campaign for the United Hospital Fund raised \$230,655.02 by Jan. 31, end of the drive's direct benefit phase.

It was the best U.H.F. campaign performance ever turned in by teams working in behalf of the Medical Center.

Their outstanding efforts will bring the Medical Center \$102,195.02 in direct benefits. The 1961-62 campaign, formerly the most successful, brought in a total of \$228,206, including \$90,716 in direct benefits.

(The "direct benefit" quota system works like this: all money raised by Jan. 31 in excess of a set amount—\$128,460 this year—goes directly to the Medical Center.)

This year's record-breaking total came from 2,660 contributions, 10 more than last year, when \$217,181 was raised.

A breakdown of the accomplishments of each team follows:

**MEN'S TEAMS:** Trustees, James W. Foley, chairman, \$80,597.49; Joint Professional Staff, Dr. Henry S. F. Cooper, chairman, \$6,356.

**WOMEN'S TEAMS:** Presbyterian Hospital, Mrs. C. Redington Barrett and Mrs. Ralph Boots, group leaders, \$45,942.61; Neurological Institute, Mrs. Charles E. Adams and Mrs. H. McLeod Riggins, group leaders, \$23,015.62; New York Orthopaedic Hospital, Mrs. Robert E. Carroll, group leader, \$42,969.23; Babies Hospital, Mrs. Robert H. Burrows, \$31,774.07.

## Hospital Toured By 1,316 Visitors From 55 Nations

The Medical Center was visited last year by 1,316 persons from 25 states and 54 foreign countries according to Mrs. Anne Lubrecht, tour hostess.

Blustery, snowy January brought the fewest visitors, 33. There were 189 persons taken on tour during both March and April, the busiest months.

Twelve Mexican interns and 25 future nurses from Paramus, N. J., inspected our facilities in February. Contributing to the large number of visitors in March were 36 very enthusiastic doctors from France and four surgeons from the Tyrolean Alps.

Deans of nursing in hospitals in London, England, and Uppsala, Sweden, were with us in April. In May three German architects who will build a mental health hospital in Nurnberg studied our Psychiatric Institute and two surgeons from Toronto, Canada, inspected our intensive care unit.

The president of the Medical Association of Lebanon came to call on us in June and July brought 26 French physicians, 14 Mexican medical students, and a hospital administrator from Uganda, Africa, who was inter-

## Dr. Gustav Nossal Is Gibson Lecturer At P&S on Friday

Gustav J. V. Nossal, M.D., Ph.D., deputy director of The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, University of Melbourne—Clinical Research Unit, The Royal Melbourne Hospital, will deliver the 12th John J. Gibson II Lecture at 4:30 p.m., March 5 in Hanger Amphitheater, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Nossal will speak on "Fact and fiction in immunological self-recognition mechanisms; or, what does an antigen do in immunity?"

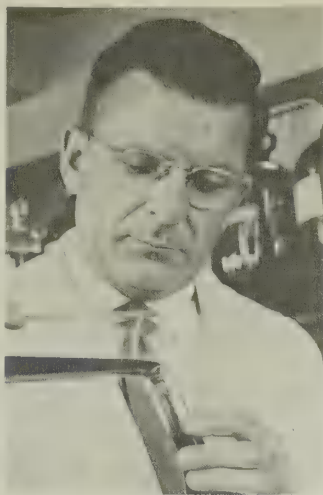
After his lecture, Dr. Nossal will be guest at a reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Harkness Hall.

ested in our out-patient clinics.

Four young Nigerian Boy Scouts in short pants, who said they want to be doctors, went on tour in August. During the same month we were visited by a Mother Superior who is building a hospital in the Philippines, two missionary nuns who are trained as surgeons, and 16 vein specialists from Switzerland.

In September the superintendent and senior pedia-

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Dr. Harold Brown

## Dr. Harold Brown Is Guest Speaker At Volunteer Tea

The Medical Center will pay tribute to its dedicated voluntary workers at the 13th annual Volunteer Tea on April 15 in Maxwell Hall.

Dr. Harold W. Brown, Professor of Parasitology, Columbia University, will speak on "The Medical Center Program Abroad for Nurses and Medical Students."

The program will begin with the serving of tea from 4 to 5 p.m., with Mrs. George A. Perera, chairman of the Volunteer Committee of the Women's Auxiliaries, presiding.

Presbyterian Hospital Volunteer Pins, representing completion of the first 100 hours of service, will be presented to 194 volunteers. Awards from the United Hospital Fund for volunteer service will go to 124 persons.

Last year the Medical Center volunteers served a total of 129,763 hours to establish the best record in the history of the department, according to Mrs. Marguerite Stein, Director of Volunteers.

## Front Desk Ladies At Front Of Class

Nine employees of Presbyterian Hospital were graduated recently after completing a course in hotel front office procedure at the Hotel Front Office Managers Association of New York City.

The 10-week course was sponsored by Michigan State University.

Representing the Hospital were Mrs. Ann Busby, Miss Alice Flynn, Mrs. Gertrude Hoelderich, Mr. Jaimie Gill, Mr. Richard Hart and Mr. Stephen Kavashansky from the Harkness Pavilion Front Office;

## Our Dental Researchers Reveal:

## Cavity-free American Adults Almost As Rare As Hen's Teeth

If you haven't a cavity or filling in your mouth, you're the lucky one in a thousand, according to Dr. Irwin D. Mandel of Columbia University's School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

The odds are 2 - 1 that if you are caries-free you are a male and it's most likely that among your blood relatives are others also immune to tooth decay, he added.

Dr. Mandel and his associates came to these conclusions after five years of research at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, trying to determine what cavity-free American adults have in common.

Predicting that the factor responsible for immunity may be uncovered among the oral fluids, the dental researchers are now studying saliva samples from the elite group of 100 cavity-immune persons they have found in their long years of searching.

Dr. Mandel explained that by a cavity-immune person he means an adult American who eats the same foods as his neighbor, follows the same regimen of oral hygiene, but unlike his neighbor suffers no dental decay.

"We know we could find a high percentage of Africans and Asians with no caries, but they would probably develop dental decay if they switched to a typical American diet, and thus they are not truly immune to caries," Dr. Mandel asserted.

When the research project began in 1959, Dr. Mandel said he believed that the incidence of caries-immune adults was one in a hundred. This conclusion came while he was working with groups that included a high percentage of dental students.

After the Medical Center researchers broadened their study to embrace a wider segment of the public—including 6,000 persons in Hartford, 12,000 in New York—they concluded that the adult without cavities is a much rarer specimen, probably one in a thousand persons.

Dr. Mandel said that one reason why he has found as

Mr. Paul Garcia from the Institute of Ophthalmology; Miss Aida DeJorio from the Vanderbilt Clinic Admitting Office, and Mr. John Adams, Night Manager, Presbyterian Hospital.

Of the six awards that were presented to the class, three went to our employees, Mrs. Busby, Miss Flynn and Mrs. Hoelderich.



HE'S 1 IN 1,000

Dental student Martin Greenberg has good reason to smile: he's one of the rare Americans who are immune to dental decay.

many as 100 persons without cavities is because individuals in this fortunate situation heard of his study and presented themselves as volunteers.

This caries-immune group contains twice as many men as women and about 20% of the persons in the group are known to have one or more blood relatives who are likewise free of dental decay.

Dr. Mandel, who is an associate clinical professor of dentistry, Department of Stomatology, is being assisted in his research by two other members of the DOS faculty and a dental student.

They are Dr. Sidney Horowitz and Dr. Robert Thompson, Jr., both assistant professors of dentistry, and Albert Zengo, a senior in the School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

## Can You Add Teeth To Dental Study?

If you are one of the unusually fortunate adults without a cavity or filling, Dr. Mandel would appreciate having you as a volunteer in his study. Please dial extension 3473.



# Snakes Inspired Ph.D. Candidate To His Scholastic Achievements

January's *Stethoscope* stated that the Hospital's pharmacy had supplied a dose of antibiotic, for, of all things, an ailing rattlesnake. Intrigued by the realization that someone must have administered medicine to snake, we went in search of this brave someone. We found him, a serious student of anatomy with a fascinating background in herpetology, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. A mildly interested witness to the interview that followed was the revitalized rattler, a well-mannered female who, viewed behind thick glass, appeared to be quite likable.

In different surroundings, the words of the scholarly-looking Ph.D. candidate might have seemed unbelievable. He was telling of how, some 15 years before, he had "flooded" the market for water moccasins in Florida by capturing and selling to dealers an average of 40 to 50 cottonmouths daily.

"I was only a kid, maybe 17 or 18, and I used to go into the Everglades at night and catch these cottonmouths with a plastic loop on a bamboo pole as they swam by on the water," he was saying.

## DON'T SNAP THE NECK

"Gently and gingerly is the way you snare them, always remembering that a snake with a broken neck is worthless to zoos and laboratories.

"At first I sold the cottonmouths to dealers in Miami for 25 cents a foot. That's 75 cents for an average moccasin, which goes about three and a half feet long. Dealers don't pay for half feet.

"Pretty soon the Miami dealers had so many water moccasins that they dropped the price to a dime a foot. Then they refused to buy any more at all. The market was ruined, so I went up to Silver Springs and started all over again."

As the man spoke, he sat in a swivel-chaired comfort in his small office-laboratory in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Although his story might have sounded incredible elsewhere, it rang with plausibility here. Less than a foot from his hand, which he casually drummed on his desk, was a lively brown rattlesnake, curiously nuzzling the glass of its cage.

The engrossing storyteller was Charles Hackenbrock, at age 34 a Korean War veteran, former snake handler in a zoo, and a P&S graduate student in the Department of Anatomy who credits his present interest in scholarly pursuits

to his childhood interest in snakes.

An informal type of person who prefers to be called Charley, he confessed that it was in Brooklyn, city of his birth, where he found his first snake.

"When I was nine, I captured this harmless little garter snake in Brooklyn's Botanical Garden. A lot of people don't believe that snakes grow in Brooklyn, but they do, at least in the Botanical Garden.

"I can't say why I was so fascinated by snakes, but I always have been. And I have no doubt that my interest in the basic sciences grew out of my desire to learn all I could find out about snakes."

Snakes are also important in the research work he is currently doing for his Ph.D. thesis.

Since he became a graduate student at P&S in 1960, Charley has completed all the necessary course work, has instructed medical students in anatomy for the required 300 hours, plus 50 more, and has passed his qualifying examination. Now he must pass his language requirements in French and German, complete his research and write his thesis. He believes all this will take about twelve to eighteen months of additional work.



NO SNAKECHARMER, HE — Charlie Hackenbrock prepares to pick up a pair of 6-foot Indian cobras, not an easy task. (Picture taken some years ago at Staten Island Zoo.)

Charley's research is very technical, but stated as simply as possible, he is using the ultrapowerful electron microscope and immunochemical techniques to study the venom gland of the rattlesnake.

"I want to uncover the relationship of cell structure and function in the venom gland. If I can answer the question of how venom cells secrete enzymes, this might be helpful in understanding the mechanism of secretion in many other cells, for example, the cells of the pancreas."

This research, he said, is being conducted in the laboratory of his Ph.D. sponsor, Dr. Philip W. Brandt, assistant professor of anatomy.

Occasionally as Charley spoke, he gestured with his hands for emphasis. The movements invariably set off an ominous droning in a second glass-fronted cage, located a short distance from his back.

It was the warning of a big nervous rattlesnake that didn't like the movement of Charley's arm, didn't like his cage, didn't like much of anything.

To this observer, the rattling sounded like the humming of a defective neon tube. Charley said the noise always reminded him of escaping steam. It sounded nothing at all like "a rustling of dry leaves," as writers of Western novels usually describe a rattler's rattle.

## MALADJUSTED RATTLER

"That's a timber rattlesnake I picked up last spring up in the New York foot-



## RATTLER HAS HIS POINTS — HANDLE WITH CARE

Using a sturdy snake hook, Charlie gingerly removes an angry male timber rattler from its cage, then (inset) pries open its jaws to expose its fangs, which are Nature's own hypodermic needles, and deadly effective ones at that.

hills of the Berkshires," Charley said. "He's been in a zoo most of the time since and isn't very well acclimated to his cage yet.

"He'll settle down, I guess, but it really doesn't matter much. He's a research specimen and not very valuable. This one here is different though," he said, tapping the glass cage on his desk. The noise caught the brown rattler's attention and it peered from the security of its box within the cage.

"This is an Arizona ridge-nose rattlesnake, a very rare snake. This is the one that needed the antibiotic, but she's fine now. I caught her in the summer of 1954 in Arizona. At that time she was a year old and nine inches long. Now she's 11 and about two feet long. As far as I know, she's the oldest and largest of her kind that's ever been in captivity. She's very content here."

One question had to be asked. How does a guy from Brooklyn become so much of an authority on snakes, especially poisonous ones?

Charley said it all began with those little garter snakes in Brooklyn, which led him to work as a summer volunteer in the snake

house at Staten Island Zoo.

"I was 16 and was lucky enough to come under the guidance of Carl Kauffeld, an internationally famous herpetologist (reptile and amphibian expert) who was curator of reptiles. He's now director of the Staten Island Zoo.

"Carl Kauffeld taught me a lot about snakes and their habits and how to handle them."

Fortified by this experience, he went, after he finished high school, on his cottonmouth collecting expedition to the Florida Everglades. Then followed a boring lull back in Brooklyn before the Army drafted him and sent him to Korea.

## PITS HOLD THE SECRET

True to form he began collecting snakes. With the blessing of his company commander, he gathered all eight land forms of snakes indigenous to South Korea, including a pit viper similar to our copperheads.

(Vipers, he explained, include all poisonous snakes with folding fangs in their upper jaws. The "pit" in pit viper refers to super-sensitive heat receptors located on either cheek of the snake, between the eye and nostril. These pits make



## In Memoriam

Dr. Charles A. Slanetz, Sr., animal pathologist at the College of Physicians and Surgeons since 1930, died suddenly Feb. 4th in New York City. He was 64.

Author of numerous papers on nutrition and animal pathology, he was curator of animal husbandry and scientific director of the Institute of Comparative Medicine at P&S.

Dr. Slanetz was born Oct. 15, 1899 in Islip, Long Island. He attended the University of Connecticut, receiving a B.S. in agricultural science in 1922 and an M.S. in bacteriology a year later. Yale University presented him a Ph.D. in 1926.

He was listed in "American Men of Science," was a founder and past president of the Animal Care Panel, past executive officer of the Institute of Animal Resources, and consultant to the Army Chemical Center in Maryland.

Surviving are his widow, Madlyn, and a son, Dr. Charles Slanetz, Jr., who was a surgical intern and resident at Presbyterian Hospital from 1957 until he entered the U. S. Navy last year as a physician.

pit vipers, such as rattlers or water moccasins, capable of sensing warm-blooded prey up to two feet away, even when they can't see or smell them).

Discharged from the service in late 1953, Charley began working full-time at the Staten Island Zoo, and in September 1954 began attending Wagner College as an evening student under the G.I. Bill. That was his life for six years, working with snakes during the day, studying at Wagner nights.

Working with Kauffeld at the zoo meant field trips for collecting new specimens. In Arizona they gathered sidewinders, lethal tiger rattlers, and Charley's prized female ridgenose rattler. In South Carolina they caught nasty-tempered canebrake rattlers and big (4-6 foot), mean Eastern Diamondbacks, which are usually larger in girth and length than the fabled desert rattlers, no matter what Texans say to the contrary.

Through the combined work of Kauffeld, Charley and others, the Staten Island Zoo has the largest collection of rattlesnakes in the world: 33 different forms, including 30 of the 32 found in the United States, and three from

## New Bridge Apartments: Home for 225 P. H. Nurses

Rising 32 stories above the highest point of Manhattan Island stand the four towers of the Bridge Apartments. Beneath the ground level of the buildings is one of the most heavily travelled vehicular arteries in the world.

Bridge Apartments, which will provide gracious apartment living for many

### Ready Your Entries For Art Exhibition; It Opens April 28th

Persons interested in showing their art creations in the Medical Center's annual art show are urged to begin readying their entries now.

The 14th Annual Arts, Photography and Crafts Exhibition is scheduled for April 28 through May 8 in the library annex on the 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

The Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Jr., exhibition chairman, said all members of the Medical Center family, including Volunteers, are eligible to enter their art works.

Presbyterian Hospital nurses, is the first residential complex under the auspices of the New York State Housing Authority to be constructed over air rights.

These airy apartments with the spectacular view are just a few blocks north of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, and were visited recently by interested members of the Medical Center family during an open house.

Photographs on this page show some of the interior and exterior views at Bridge Apartments.

## 1963 TOURISTS

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trician of a hospital in the lofty mountains of Nepal inspected Babies Hospital. The following month brought a visit from many plastic surgeons, including 10 from Germany, seven from Russia and two from Denmark. They viewed operations and were the guests of Dr. Jerome P. Webster in his museum of plastic surgery.

"During the honeymoon my wife even allowed me a day and a half for snake hunting," Charley said. "She and the baby also went camping and hunting with me last summer in Arizona. Mary wasn't a snake enthusiast when I met her, but she has come to like them."

Charley paused and rapped gently on the cage of his favorite snake, the attractive brown rattler he has owned for ten years. She peered at his hand, but didn't rattle.

Charley was asked a question and thought about it for a minute.

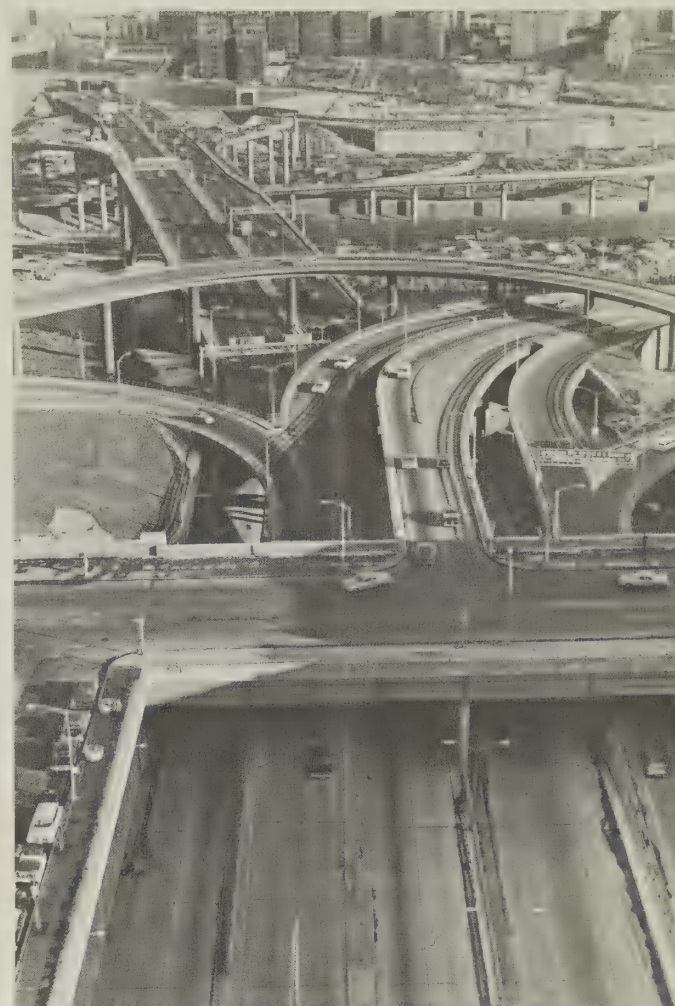
He's very fond of this particular snake. Does she share the affection? Would she recognize him among a group of others?

"I doubt it. I've been feeding her for 10 years, but I don't think it would matter whether I fed her or someone else did. Still, she is very tame and mild mannered," Charley said.

"If she weren't hungry and didn't mistake my hand for food, I believe I could slide my hand under her and pick her up. I don't believe she'd strike in anger. But then, I don't know. A rattler recognizes no one as friend."



Balconies outside many of the apartments, in addition to affording a breathtaking panorama of much of greater New York City area, also offer a cool breezy place to sit on warm summer days.



As seen from the new "Towers in the Sky," the pattern of Manhattan's highways appears almost artistic, as if created by a wild sculptor who works in steel and concrete.

The interiors of the Bridge Apartments are light, cheerful and comfortable, the furnishings are tastefully modern. These apartments, occupying 14 upper floors of four 32-story buildings, are being sublet without lease commitments to our staff nurses.

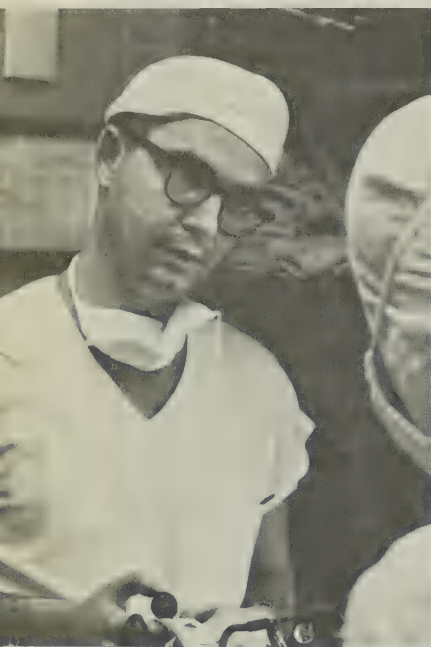




# ENT Residents Spend Many Hours In Surgery

The warm climate of Florida has a strong attraction for Dr. Herbert R. Crowley, 29, chief resident in the Department of Otolaryngology. He hopes to enter private practice there after he completes his required residency.

Born in New York City and reared in Bronxville, he received a bachelor of arts degree with honors in biology from Brown University in 1956. While a student at Boston University School of Medicine (M.D. 1960), he worked in hematology research for two summers at Sloane-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research.



Discussing a case before surgery is Dr. Herbert R. Crowley.

After so much time in the North, Dr. Crowley got to Florida in 1960-61 for a year's internship in surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami. He began his residency in otolaryngology at the Medical Center in June, 1961.

Life for the chief resident in otolaryngology is a

busy one. Dr. Crowley performs one or two operations daily in the Ear, Nose and Throat Service; arranges schedules for eight other residents on the house staff; makes rounds of ear, nose and throat patients on the eleventh floor, and spends as much time as possible in the ENT Clinic. He is always in the Clinic on Tuesday and Friday mornings, seeing post-operative patients.

Mondays through Fridays his hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 or 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. He is present and on call for emergencies every fifth night and fifth weekend.

While he was a medical student, Dr. Crowley met the nurse who is now his wife, the former Jacquelyn Archer of Taunton, Mass. She is a 1959 graduate of the B.U. School of Nursing. The Crowleys are the parents of a daughter, Madeilyn, born June 6, 1962.

In September Dr. Crowley will begin a final year's residency, in head and neck surgery, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, East Orange, N. J. Then he hopes to be Florida-bound.

Dr. Crowley will complete his stint as chief resident on May 1 and will be succeeded by Dr. Kelvin A. Lindgren, a 30-year-old Californian who is now resident in the Ear, Nose and Throat Service in Babies Hospital.

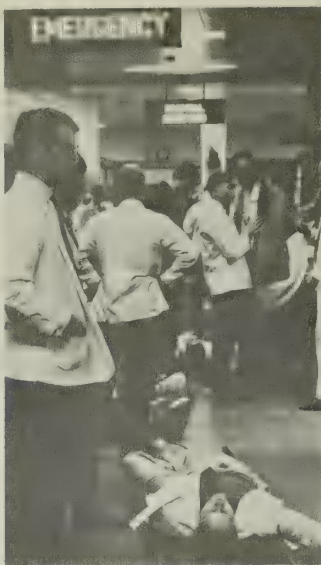
(Before leaving for New Jersey, Dr. Crowley will be a research fellow here in otolaryngology for four months.)

Dr. Lindgren's present duties include considerable surgery: mastoidectomies, tracheotomies, and an average of 10 to 12 tonsillectomies a week. He also spends three afternoons a week in the ENT Clinic, seeing children with earaches, nosebleeds, sinus trouble, and other problems

Dr. Kelvin Lindgren applies bandage to a young clinic patient.

and diseases of the throat, ears and nose.

A native of British Columbia, Canada, who moved to California as a boy, Dr. Lindgren was graduated from Pacific Union College (A.B. in biology 1955) and Loma Linda University Medical School (M.D. 1959).



An emergency patient, tagged in the triage (sorting) area, awaits assignment to a bed.



Acute emergencies sent to the 3rd Floor Emergency Service are routed by orthopedic and surgical teams.

He interned at Porter Hospital, Denver, then was a resident in surgery for a year at Providence Hospital, Seattle, Wash., before commencing his residency here in January 1962.

Like Dr. Crowley, Dr. Lindgren is married to a registered nurse (the former Hazel Mott, who holds a B.S. in nursing from the University of Seattle); unlike Dr. Crowley, he is not attracted by the warmer climates. He likes skiing too much.

The Lindgrens recently went on a ski trip to the Laurentian Mountains of Canada, taking along their son, Jeffrey, 2½. The boy shares his parents' interest in winter sports and accompanies them down the slopes on his own two-foot skis.

Dr. Lindgren plans to enter private practice as an ENT specialist on the West Coast.

# EMERGENCY!



Assigning beds in the admitting area ■ Peter O'Sullivan, Dr. Joseph E. Snyder, Betty Dixon, Al Saker and Mrs. Maureen Kelly.

Recently, hospital staff and personnel participated in an emergency drill, an exercise held periodically in order to insure that every member of the hospital family will be familiar with his responsibilities in the event of a real emergency.

The recent exercise was staged according to the following script: an imaginary explosion occurred in the neighborhood of the hospital and 30 casualties (medical students were cast in the roles) were rushed to Vanderbilt Clinic.

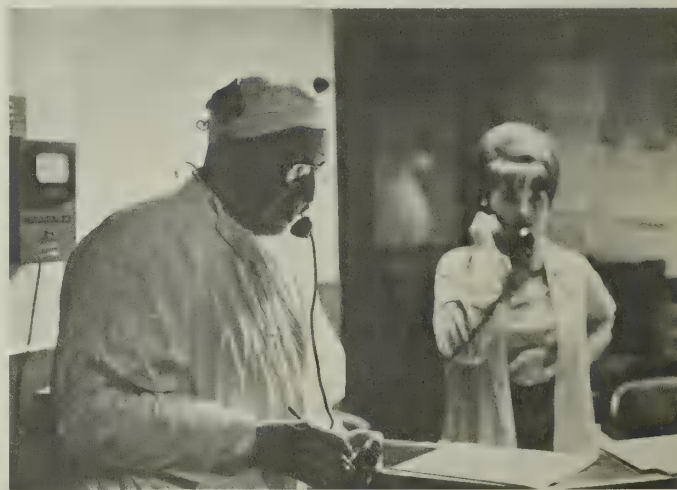
The drill was held according to Emergency Plan I, which would be used in cases when casualties number less than 250.

Under emergency procedures, the hospital functions essentially as it always does except at a highly accelerated pace. Special provisions are made for getting equipment from storage areas, setting up cots,

carrying patients, utilizing a special emergency communications system and providing immediate emergency treatment.

An open circuit telephone system, independent of the hospital telephone system operates among the following key points: Emergency Headquarters, Triage, Casualty Admitting, Emergency Service, 8th floor P.H. West Doctors' Station, 14th floor P.H. Center Doctors' Station, and 18th floor Operating Room. Special headsets are worn by those in charge in these various areas so they are in constant communications with Emergency headquarters.

Dr. Stuart W. Cosgriff, chairman of the Emergency Committee at the Medical Center, commented afterwards that everyone involved in the drill handled his responsibilities rapidly and efficiently.



Dr. Edward Self and Suzanne Wilson, floor secretary, at the operating floor desk schedule emergencies for surgery.

## MOTHER GOOSE GOES MODERN AT MAY 16 BALL

Dr. Virgil G. Damon and Mrs. Jose M. Ferrer, Jr. are honorary chairmen for the Seventh Annual Mother Goose Ball, scheduled for 9 p.m. May 16 at Ferris Booth Hall of Columbia

University, 116th Street and Broadway.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Brien and Dr. and Mrs. Donald Taylor, chairmen, said the theme of this year's ball is "Mother Goose Goes Modern."



# Parkinsonism

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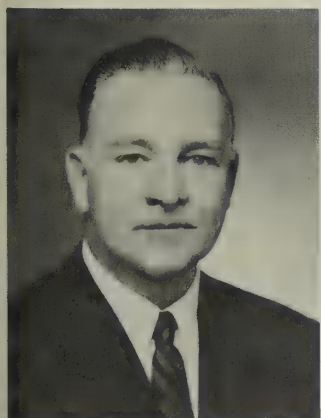
pose. Mr. Black, who is president of the Parkinson's Disease Foundation and chairman of Chock Full O' Nuts Corporation, contributed \$5 million toward the new building and endowed the research floor to be devoted to Parkinson's research.

"Parkinson's disease, or paralysis agitans, is a neurological disease affecting about 500,000 Americans," Dr. Merritt explained. "An estimated 40,000 new cases develop each year, and in most cases, the cause is unknown," he added.

He explained that characteristic symptoms are uncontrollable trembling, muscular rigidity, and changes in body posture. These symptoms are progressive and in most instances gradually produce disability and often complete helplessness. There is no cure for Parkinson's disease; however, drugs, surgery, and physical therapy have helped to alleviate the symptoms.

The establishment of The new Parkinson's Disease Research and Information Center represents a prototype for other study centers in the neurological and sensory fields to be developed by the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, according to Dr. Richard L. Masland, director of the Institute.

## Trustee J. A. Thomas Elected A Director of Commercial Solvents



JOSEPH A. THOMAS, a trustee of Presbyterian Hospital for 14 years, has been elected to the board of directors of Commercial Solvents Corp. A partner in the investment banking firm of Lehman Brothers, he is a director of The Flintkote Company and is on the boards of a number of other companies and corporations. Mr. Thomas was graduated from Yale in 1928 and Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration in 1930.

"For years there has existed at the Medical Center an active program of research on various aspects of Parkinsonism," Dr. Yahr said.

"Work is now in progress in the laboratories of many departments directed toward the basic mechanisms which produce the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. In addition, clinical studies, including investigations into the natural history, epidemiology, genetic and environmental factors, as well as therapeutic aspects of this disease, are now underway.

"One of the interesting areas for investigations," he said, "is the similarity of symptoms of Parkinson's disease with those produced in individuals receiving large doses of some of the tranquilizing agents. The type of biochemical defect produced by these drugs may hold a clue as to the underlying mechanism in Parkinson's disease.

"With the new laboratory facilities provided in the William Black Medical Research building, the extensive clinical facilities of the Medical Center, as well as the support of the National Institutes of Health, a comprehensive program of research in all aspects of this disease will now be possible and there should be a marked advance in our knowledge of this disease."

The Medical Information Facility of the new center, all subsidized by the National Institutes of Health, will provide comprehensive library service, including processing information by data computers; will publish periodic reviews of the field; and will conduct symposia and meetings to stimulate critical evaluation of research results. It will serve as a reference center for investigators in the field and as a resource where physicians will be advised of current therapy, including the uses and hazards of drug therapy.

Dr. Merritt has been named chairman of a Steering Committee which will develop and plan the center's research projects. Dr. Yahr is its secretary.

Committee members are Dr. Malcolm B. Carpenter, professor of Anatomy; Dr. John W. Fertig, professor of Biostatistics; Dr. Richard H. Logsdon, director of University Libraries; Thomas P. Fleming, professor of Library Service; Dr. David Nachmansohn, professor of Biochemistry, Dr. Morton D. Schweitzer, associate professor of Epidemiology; Dr. Abner Wolf, professor of Neuropathology; Dr.

## P.H. Names Cleric Honorary Trustee

The Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen has been appointed an honorary trustee of The Presbyterian Hospital by virtue of his office as senior minister of The Collegiate Church of New York.

Dr. Palen succeeds the Rev. Dr. Edgar Franklin Romig, former senior minister of Collegiate Church, who died in November. Dr. Romig had served as an honorary member of the Board of Trustees since 1943.

Dr. Palen, minister in charge of Middle Collegiate Church since 1932, has been a leader in interfaith organizations in Greater New York and has been a very influential member of the Board of Education, Reformed Church in America. He was President of the Board, 1954-59.

Active in neighborhood community affairs, he is director of the East Side Chamber of Commerce and a member of Mayor Wagner's Commission on Operation Bowery.

Dr. Palen was born in Rosendale, N. Y., June 14, 1899. He received an A.B. from Rutgers College in 1922 and for the next six years was a public school teacher. In 1928 he entered New Brunswick Theological Seminary; he was awarded a bachelor of divinity de-

## Premature Infant

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The Thursday morning program is on *The Premature Infant in Utero: Prospects for Reducing the Frequency of Premature Births*, Dr. Charles M. Steer; *The Infected Fetus*, Dr. William A. Blanc; *Materno-Fetal Endocrine Relationships*, Dr. Melvin M. Grumbach; *The Premature Infant in the Delivery Room*, Dr. L. Stanley James.

**The Thursday afternoon program is on The Premature Infant in the Neonatal Period: Homeothermism in Small Infants, Dr. William A. Sil-**

Brian Hoffman, professor of Pharmacology; Dr. Lawrence C. Kolb, professor of Psychiatry; Dr. Sidney Malitz, assistant clinical professor of Psychiatry; Dr. Harry Grundfest, professor of Neurology; Dr. Roger C. Duvoisin, research associate in Neurology, and Dr. Dominick Purpura, associate professor of Neurological Surgery.

## Pediatrics Talks Continue on Air

The interesting and informative radio series on modern pediatrics, which is being taped in our Babies Hospital, is now in its eighth week. It is aired at 10 a.m. Sundays over radio station WABC, 770 on the dial.

This Sunday's program will deal with "The Chronically Ill Child at Home," as discussed by Drs. Carolyn Denning, Sylvia Griffiths and Peter Scaglione.

Other programs scheduled for this month:

March 15: Dr. William Langford, with Babies Hospital Social Service workers Mildred Stilwell and Adelaide Vrooman, will discuss "Community Resources for the Chronically Ill Child."

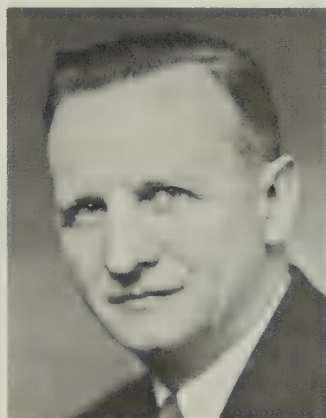
March 22: Dr. Langford will chat with Miss Ruth Vickers, recreation director of Babies Hospital, and Miss Rosalie Castagnetta, teacher in the Hospital's public school classroom, on "Recreation and Education for the Hospitalized Child."

March 29: Drs. Vincent Freda and James Wolfe will offer some significant findings from their RH-factor research program.

Other scheduled programs will be announced in next month's *Stethoscope*.



Dr. William S. Langford



Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen

gree by Rutgers in 1929. He holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology, bestowed upon him in 1943 by New York University.

He is a member of NYU's board of chaplains and of the University Christian Foundation of NYU. He is chaplain of the National Society of Colonial Dames of New York, Domine of the Holland Society of New York, and director of the New York Biblical Seminary.

**verman; When, How and What Should the Small Infant Be Fed, Drs. Marvin Cornblath, Murray Davidson, and Harry Gordon.**

The Friday morning program includes *Water and Electrolyte Metabolism in the Neonatal Period*, Dr. Robert W. Winters; *Carbohydrate Metabolism in Small Newborn Infants*, Dr. Marvin Cornblath; *Serious Neonatal Infections*, Panel Discussion, Drs. Hattie E. Alexander, Edward C. Curnen, Jr., Heinz Eichenwald, and Katherine Sprunt.

**The Friday afternoon program includes Bilirubin Metabolism in the Neonate, Dr. Irwin M. Arias; The Infant of the Diabetic Mother, Dr. Harry Gordon; Radiology Seminar, Drs. David H. Baker, Walter E. Berdon, and Harold S. Goldman.**

The Saturday morning program includes *Surgery and Anesthesia in Premature Infants*, Panel Discussion, Drs. Herbert Rackow, Ernest Salanitro and Thomas V. Santulli; *Idiopathic Respiratory Distress Syndrome*, Panel Discussion, Drs. Karlis Adamsons, Jr., Peter A. M. Auld, L. Stanley James, and Abraham Rudolph; *Unique Problems of Drug Therapy in Premature Infants*, Dr. Sidney Q. Cohan.

**The Saturday afternoon program is on Ex-Premature Children: Neurologic Sequelae of Prematurity, Panel Discussion, Drs. Sidney Carter, Elisabeth B. Decker, and Arnold P. Gold; Speech and Reading Performance in Ex-premature Children, Mrs. Katrina deHirsch; followed by a Question and Answer Session.**



## Our Nursing Needs

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Much of our teaching is done on the wards, but we have no conference rooms near these clinical areas. Actually, we have no conference rooms at all. As we look to increasing numbers of students, as the report of Surgeon General's Consultant Group on Nursing indicates we must, our present facilities appear truly inadequate.

### WHAT THE VAN ALAN CLARK GIFT WILL MEAN

Their gift will enable the school of nursing to fulfill its plans to have two entire floors in the Augustus C. Long Medical Library. This school complex will include classrooms of several kinds sufficient to our needs. We will be able to equip these classrooms with movie and slide projectors, tape recorders and other modern audio-visual teaching aids. We will also have a central unit for our faculty and administrative offices and alumnae offices.

When our new facilities are completed, it should also be possible for us to convert some office space and areas now used as classrooms in Maxwell Hall to appropriate dormitory facilities.

### MANY SCHOOLS MUST INCREASE ENROLLMENTS

Many nursing schools must eventually think in terms of increasing their student quotas. The Surgeon General's report indicates that in order to meet nursing needs anticipated for 1970, the professional nursing schools in America must graduate at least 53,000 nurses a year, almost double the present output. For our part, we plan to admit a minimum of 150-175 beginning nursing students annually.

We also feel the need to increase the number of post-graduate nurses. We presently have a graduate program in maternity nursing and we hope to add two or three more. In these programs we are educating graduate nurses who will be more expert at the bedside than beginning nurses and consequently, will make important contributions to improving patient care.

### WE NEED TO STABILIZE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

One of our most urgent needs toward fulfilling our goal is scholarship money for our students, which is why we are so appreciative of the wonderful gift from the Edna McConnell Clark (Mrs. Van Alan Clark) Foundation.

One-third of our students are on scholarship and receive between \$30,000 and \$40,000 annually in such aid. However, the amount of money available to us for scholarship aid vacillates from year to year. The availability of such funds must somehow be stabilized and we are constantly seeking new funds to replace expiring scholarship grants. This will be a growing need as charges for room, board and tuition are increased.

### LACK OF ENDOWMENT IS ANOTHER PROBLEM

One of the school's greatest problems is the lack of endowment funds. In 1928, the Alumnae Association of the school set a goal of \$2,000,000 for endowment for the school, with the fund to be called The Anna C. Maxwell Endowment Fund. Although the need for the endowment has been recognized for a long time, the financial goal is far from being realized and in 1964 must be thought of in larger sums.

Endowment funds are necessary to a school because no students can assume 100% of the cost of their education. Our students now pay about one-third of the cost and it is realized that they must pay more. Endowment funds are therefore as basic to sound education in nursing as in any other field.

ELIZABETH S. GILL  
Associate Dean, Nursing

HELEN F. PETTIT  
Professor of Nursing



## SPRING, UNDER GLASS

*Tired of Winter?*

*Heed Our Gardeners:*

*"Cheer Up," They say,*

*"Winter is Weakening."*

*To Them,*

*Optimism Comes Easy:*

*In Their Greenhouse,*

*It's Already Spring.*



Deep snow lies heavy on ground outside the greenhouse . . .

Although Winter still holds the earth in a chilling grasp, our optimistic gardeners are preparing for the inevitable victory of Spring.

In fact, within the snowbound greenhouse of the Medical Center, Spring already prevails. Hundreds of hardy plants and thousands of little green seedlings are thriving under glass, soaking up the warm vital rays of the sun.

"Our tiny seedlings are doing very well," said head gardener Dominic Reda. "And we have older, hardier plants that are ready for transplanting as soon as the frost is out of the ground."

How remote is that happy day?

"Barring unseasonable weather, we will begin our outdoor plantings the third week in April . . . perhaps even by the end of March."

(Soon the north wind will weaken, southwest breezes will awake; if you feel a warm breath whispering to your senses, listen! It brings a message from Spring).

But within the greenhouse, it's already Springtime.



## To Elsie and Tots of Squier, Spring = Circus

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a research assistant in Urology) and I took two children from our church to the circus," Elsie recalled. "They got such a kick out of the experience that I began thinking of our sick youngsters in Squier; why couldn't we give them the same thrill?"

The more Elsie chewed on the idea, the more it nourished her desire to make it a reality. Others at the Medical Center caught her enthusiasm.

When the circus returned to Madison Square Garden the next spring, there were Elsie, Mrs. Jaeger, five other adults, and seven little Squier patients, wide-eyed, laughing and cheering as the performers went through their paces.

"We saw the delighted faces and we knew we had a good idea," Elsie said.

That's how traditions begin. The next year a few more persons around the

### Elsie Marks 35th

Elsie G. Coffin quietly noted her 35th anniversary with Squier Clinic on Jan. 28. She has been a part of the clinic since it was only eight months old and has served under all three directors, including the founder, Dr. J. Bentley Squier. Born in Manhattan and reared on Staten Island, she came to the Medical Center after six years as secretary in the medical department of *The New York Times*. She recalls that the late and famed publisher of *The Times*, Adolph S. Ochs, often claimed he assigned employees by their names and was fond of telling people: "Coffin belongs in the medical department, where else!"

Medical Center — secretaries, technicians, nurses, pediatric residents and other employees — volunteered to take young Squier patients to the circus. Many who weren't free to go them-

selves gave money to help the project along.

"A lot of people I talk with think that the circus gives us tickets for the children, but this isn't true at all," Elsie emphasized.

"Usually an adult buys the ticket for the child he takes. Once in a while we have more children than adults, but their tickets are always paid for by someone at the hospital."

Elsie is now making plans for the 1964 Circus Party. She's scheduling it for the first Saturday in May and hopes it will be the best and most enjoyable ever.

"I'm already getting eager," Elsie admitted. "Nothing in the world gives me more satisfaction than our circus party. The expression on the faces of our sick youngsters at the circus is that excited, bright-eyed look that children usually reserve for Christmas."





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## Vital Services Assured, Should Power Fail

### Emergency Electric System Functions Smoothly in Test

A diesel-powered generator that assures continuation of vital electrical services in the event of a prolonged power failure has been installed and successfully tested by Presbyterian Hospital.

The new emergency source of electricity is a huge 600 kilowatt generator that is driven by a 900 horsepower engine. It is located in the sub-basement of the Hospital, close to a 125 K.W. steam turbine generator that was the only source of standby electricity for many years.

According to Daniel D. Stevens, administrative assistant, Buildings and Grounds, the combined kilowatt output of the two generators will provide 20 per cent of the Hospital's peak kilowatt demand. Their two fuel oil tanks have a total capacity of 13,000 gallons—a 14-day supply.

The emergency electric system had a trial run during a simulated 24-hour power failure beginning at 7 p.m. March 20. It passed its test with flying colors, Mr. Stevens reported.

"Every electrical service considered essential to patient care and the operation of the Hospital has been incorporated into this emergency system," said Mr. Stevens, who coordinated installation of the new generator.

"There are also safeguards to assure continuity of these services and to maintain the electrical components so that they will work when called upon," he added.

Mr. Stevens said the generator set is equipped with remote controls for automatic starting and stopping of the unit. The transfer

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### THEIR DOGS BOW; WOW!

It was a blue ribbon day March 21 for two members of the Medical Center family at the annual Ramapo Kennel Club Show in Paterson, N. J.

Dorothy Lewerenz, supervisory in the Presbyterian Hospital operating room, handled her long-haired Dachshund, Jimmy of Muralaw, to a class championship.

A high-spirited miniature poodle registered as Bel-Esprit Chevalier Bayard but called Guy ran up the re-

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DR. ERWIN CHARGAFF

### Dutch Academy's Heineken Prize to Dr. E. Chargaff

The Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences, seconding a similar recent action by the French Academy of Sciences, has paid tribute to Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center biochemist Erwin Chargaff for his research into the chemistry of human heredity.

The Dutch Academy's award to Dr. Chargaff is the \$10,000 Heineken Prize for outstanding achievements in biochemistry. Being offered for the first time, the prize is named for Dutch biochemist Dr. H. P. Heineken and it will be awarded every three years.

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## RH BABY RESEARCH SHOWS CONTINUED PROGRESS HERE

Current research between Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and Sing Sing Prison may uncover an effective procedure for preventing erythroblastosis fetalis—a blood incompatibility responsible for "Rh babies."

Dr. Vincent J. Freda, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, recently completed a report describing success in preventing Rh sensitization among a group of volunteer prisoners at Sing Sing.

One out of every 200 newborn in the United States is affected to some degree by Rh sensitization. In these cases, the mother's blood type is Rh negative, the father's Rh positive, and the unborn infant's Rh positive. When positive blood cells from the baby enter the mother's blood stream in sufficient volume, they stimulate formation of antibodies.

These antibodies pass from mother to baby across the placenta and destroy the baby's Rh positive blood cells. This may result in death of the infant in utero. Furthermore, among the thousands of babies born with this condition throughout the United States each year, an estimated 10,000 die shortly thereafter.

"Our experiments, supported by the Health Research Council of the City of New York, demonstrate a method of protecting Rh negative individuals against becoming sensitized by positive blood cells through injection of an artificial antibody preparation 72 hours after introducing positive blood," Dr. Freda said.

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DRS. FREDA AND GORMAN

Their research progresses well

## Plan Late '64 Completion of Alumni Auditorium

Workmen erecting the \$1,100,000 Alumni Auditorium of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons are pushing for completion late this year.

Exterior work on the new building is virtually finished and work on the interior is progressing smoothly.

One of the building projects in the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center's \$50,000,000 Development Program, the new auditorium is rising on West 168th Street, between the College and the William Black Medical Research Building, also under construction.

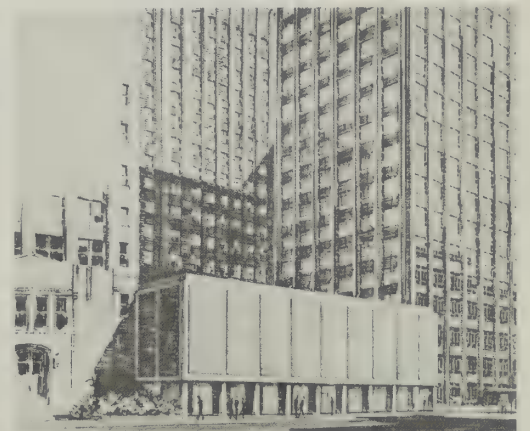
The auditorium with a seating capacity of 716, will fill a long-recognized need at the Medical Center as a meeting place for large gatherings.

"Lack of an adequate auditorium has been a great handicap in all public functions at the Medical Center," said Dr. Rudolph N. Schullinger, Class of 1923, chairman of the P&S Alumni Committee which is raising funds for the new building.

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INTERIOR VIEW reveals main floor seating arrangements for 366 persons. Balcony has seats for an additional 350.



EXTERIOR VIEW shows auditorium nestled between College (left) and Black Medical Research Bldg. on 168th St.



REPORTERS: *Accounting*—Elizabeth Dixon. *Blood Bank*—Susan Gottschalk. *Building and Grounds*—Margaret Muccilli. *Chaplain*—Robert B. Reeves, Jr. *DOS*—Mrs. Florence Moore. *Eye Institute*—Grace Robles. *Housekeeping*—Rosina Wallace. *Laundry*—Mary Minsky. *Library*—Barbara Martin. *Mail & Messenger*—John J. Campbell. *Mary Harkness Unit*—Mrs. Harriett Ryan. *Nursing*—Miss Lorraine Betz, R.N.; Miss Helen D. Henry, R.N.; Mrs. Stella Anderson, P.N.; Mrs. Catherine Finnerty (Auxiliary Nursing). *Occupational Therapy*—Mrs. Felice Celikyol. *Protective*—Edwin H. Behlmer. *Purchasing*—Gerard Walker. *Record*—Ruth Carthy. *Social Service*—Agnes Dilworth, Adelaide Vrooman. *Telephone*—Marjorie Clancy. *Vanderbilt Clinic*—Barbara Little. *Volunteer*—Marguerite Stein.

Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox

## STETHOSCOPIA

Catherine Johnson, R.N. in Presbyterian, became the bride of Mr. Donald Lee on March 22. Mr. Lee is in the Marine Corps, stationed in Brooklyn.

Future brides are Carolyn Beck, IOPH Nursing, who will wed Mr. Pat Pinto of North Bergen, N. J. on June 6; Susan Morris, IOPH Nursing, who will become the bride of Mr. Warren Silver of Ramsey, N. J. this Fall; Carol Single, IOPH Nursing, who will marry Mr. J. William Stilley, P&S 4th year student, on June 13; Sandra Pachison, IOPH Nursing, whose betrothal to Mr. Michael Sninsky of Pottsville, Pa. has been announced; Donna Ferris, secretary in the Department of Urology, who will marry Mr. Joseph Vincent of Maynard, Mass. on September 12, and Toni Tiffany, private duty nurse, who will wed Dr. Robert Reilly, resident in Urology in August; Barbara Beucler, R.N. in Vanderbilt Clinic, will marry Mr. Gene Rooney of Closter, N. J. next winter.

Congratulations to: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunham on the birth of their son Matthew. Father is a P&S medical student and mother was formerly a nurse in Vanderbilt Clinic.

Kathleen Kelly, the newest supervisor in the Communications Center and Mrs. Theresa Curley, a new operator there.

Farewell to: Mrs. Mary Rochford, Communications Center, James Witthar, Accounting, Mrs. Susan Koenig, Department of Anesthesiology. We'll miss you!

Ollie Hill has returned to the Dietary Department at Mary Harkness Unit.

Johnny Hicks, Porter at Maxwell Hall, is a contestant in the Tip Top Talent show on station WWRL. He sings his own songs on the program. Here's hoping you win first prize, Johnny!

Spring vacationers are Mrs. Harriet Ryan, Mary Harkness Unit, who attended the Church Conference at Buck Hill Falls recently and is now on a visit to California; Ann Pedoty, Assistant Secretary's Office, who went to Bermuda; Kay McGregor, Alumnae Shop, who just returned from Miami.

Frances Harvey, R.N., has been promoted to Head Nurse in the Neuro Operating Room.

Our condolences to Mrs. Dorothy Rothman, Public Interest, on the death of her mother and to Martha Haber, Neuro Nursing, on the death of her mother.

Eileen M. Clifford, Judith E. Deegan and Penelope McM. Wood are the recipients of Regents Scholarships for Advanced Education in Nursing. The awards are based upon the results of a competitive examination and entitle the holder to a grant for one year while pursuing a program directed toward the administration or teaching of nursing.

Just as Miss Ann Lamond, nurse on PH-5, was leaving last week for a new position in Chicago, she met Miss Claire Rogers, who began working recently as a nurse on PH-11-Annex. Old friends who had lost touch with each other, the Scottish girls were room-mates for a year while nursing at a hospital in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Many personnel at the Medical Center have recently received cards of acknowledgment from Mrs. John F. Kennedy for their memorial gifts, Mass cards, and messages of sympathy after the assassination of the late President. The cards read: "Mrs. Kennedy is deeply appreciative of your sympathy and grateful for your thoughtfulness."

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

The Alumni Association of The New York Orthopaedic Hospital will hold its annual meeting here April 23, 24.

The Institute of Ophthalmology Alumni Association will meet April 16, 17, 18 at the Eye Institute.

The Allen O. Whipple Surgical Society will meet on April 23 in the morning at Bellevue Hospital and the afternoon at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Dr. Jerome P. Webster, Consultant in Surgery, recently completed 50 years of medical practice. Dr. Webster received a commemorative certificate from the New York State Medical Society.



Dr. Jerome P. Webster

Dr. Robert E. Carroll, Attending Orthopedic Surgeon, will attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons of which he is secretary, April 13-17 and then will talk at the Medical College of the University of Virginia on "Treatment of the rheumatoid hand." Dr. Carroll will teach at the Annual Course in Trauma, April 21-22, under the auspices of the Chicago Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. Later this month he will leave for South America to lecture in Bogota, Colombia; Lima, Peru; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, under the auspices of Orthopedics Overseas, a part of Medico-Care.

Dr. Gabriel Nahas, Professor of Anesthesiology, recently participated in the "Workshop on High Pressure Oxygen Research" at Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Ill.; was Chairman of Conference on Respiratory Failure held under the auspices of the New York Academy of Sciences, where he read a paper entitled "The use of buffers in the management of respiratory failure"; participated in the Conference on Hyperbaric Oxygenation where he read a paper entitled "Control of acidosis in hyperbaric oxygenation," and served on the panel at a meeting under the auspices of New York Academy of Sciences and participated and read a paper entitled "Correction of acidosis during

hemorrhagic shock" at the Twelfth Hahnemann Symposium on Shock and Hypotension, held recently in Philadelphia, Pa. On April 8 Dr. Nahas and Dr. David V. Habib, Attending Surgeon, will discuss "Oxygen balance during hemorrhagic shock" at the Annual Meeting of New York Surgical Society.

Dr. Emmanuel M. Papper, Director of Anesthesiology, and Mrs. Papper are on an extended trip abroad, the principal purpose of which is to give the Joseph Clover Lecture at the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Dr. Papper is the first American Anesthesiologist to receive this invitation. He will also lecture in Spain, Greece and Israel as well as in Cardiff, Manchester and Liverpool in England. Late in May Dr. Papper will return to Europe to receive an honorary M.D. at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

Dr. Karlis Adamsons, Jr., Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, addressed the Northern Clinical Assembly on Perinatal Asphyxia recently and was a speaker at the Symposium on the Placenta in New York City, under the sponsorship of the National Foundation. He presented a paper on "The role of the placenta in chemical and gas exchange."

Dr. Lawrence C. Kolb, Director of Psychiatry, and Dr. John F. O'Connor, Associate Attending Psychiatrist, Vanderbilt Clinic, will speak on "Psychoanalytic treatment of a psychosis" on April 7 at the meeting of The Association for Psychoanalytic Medicine.

Dr. Kermit Pines, Associate Attending Physician, presented "Management of clinical disorders of calcium metabolism" at the April meeting of the Rudolf Virchow Medical Society.

Dr. Robert H. Wylie, Attending Surgeon, presented a paper on "Massive hemorrhage in pulmonary disease" at the April 6 meeting of the Thoracic Disease Conference.



Dr. Gabriel Nahas

Dr. George F. Crikelair, Attending Surgeon, and Dr. Bard Cosman, Assistant Attending Surgeon, will present "Some Experiences in the Revision of the Unilateral Cleft Lip Nose" at the 22nd meeting of the American Cleft Palate Association, April 30, May 1, and May 2 in Los Angeles.



## Radio Series On Pediatrics Ends Sunday

Drs. Sidney Carter, Milton Singer, Robert Darling and George Ambrose of the Medical Center professional staff will discuss "The Cerebral Palsy Child" at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 12, over radio station WABC, 770 on the dial.

This broadcast will conclude the series of 13 programs on modern pediatrics that have originated in Babies Hospital.

## 24 EMPLOYEES IN COLLEGE WITH WEINBERG FUND AID

Twenty-four employees of Presbyterian Hospital are pursuing advanced job-related studies in area colleges this Spring under grants from the Sidney J. Weinberg Employees Educational Aid Reimbursement Fund.

Seven of the scholars are degree candidates, including two for master of arts, four for bachelor of arts, and one for an associate in arts.

They are enrolled in 10 schools: Columbia, Fordham, New York and St. John's Universities; Hunter, Pace, Bronx Community, New York City Community and City Colleges, and Drake Business School.

### THE STUDENTS

Employees whose applications for Weinberg aid have been approved are Ann Ametta, secretary, Harkness Hall; Rosamond Anderson and Stella Anderson, practical nurses, Sloane; Vera Barhams, practical nurse, Neurological Institute; Sara Bragin, supervisor, Physical Therapy; Elizabeth Camarena and Ellen Dunn, receptionist-typist, Doctors' Offices, and Margaret Corley, X-ray technician, Neurological Institute.

Also, Patricia Ann Cassman, Carol Geer, Geraldine Hill, and Lila Tom, lab technicians, Clinical Pathology; Richard Dempsey, key-punch operator, IBM Unit; Carol Gardiner, Social Worker; James Kiernan and Thomas Rowe, accountants, Comptroller's Office, and Robert Kurtz, technician, Radioisotope Brain Scanning.

Also, David Marsden, physicist, Radiology; Diana Meyer, audiologist, Speech and Hearing Clinic; Mary O'Leary, clerk, Accounting; Joseph Ranucci, pharmacist; Edith Revetta, physical therapist; Francisco Rincon, technician, Blood Bank, and John Ruddy, at-



Cruising past lower Manhattan to sea, S.S. HOPE heads for new challenges in Ecuador.

## Dr. Mount Finds S. S. Hope Taught Medical Lessons Well In Peru; Created Favorable Image of U. S.

Hope rides high on the Hope Ship's contributions to health in Peru and Ecuador, according to Dr. Lester A. Mount, attending neurologist at Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Mount, chairman of the Hope's Advisory Committee for Neurology and Neurosurgery, served as head of Neurosurgery on the famed hospital ship in 1962.

He recently revisited Peru to study the permanent accomplishments of the Hope Ship, which spent a year in Peruvian waters and now is anchored off the Ecuadorian mainland.

"One of the most striking impressions the Hope Ship left behind in Peru is the strong pro-American feeling among the people," Dr. Mount said.

"From a medical point of view, hospital care and medical education which Peruvians experienced on board the Hope left an imprint on the medical schools and hospitals of the country," he added.

Dr. Mount explained that teaching methods have been improved, better surgical techniques adopted, new operating rooms built, a blood bank established, better hygiene practiced throughout hospitals, better laboratory equipment installed, and public health facilities established in the slum areas. Peruvians, with technical assistance from Hope personnel, are sustaining all the improvements introduced by the members of the Hope Ship, he said.

Dr. Mount's interest in the Hope Ship dates back to 1961 when he was President of the Neurosurgical Society of America. He then proposed that the society adopt as a project the staffing of the Hope with neurosurgeons.

"Since my tour on the Hope Ship a few years ago, my wife and I have become deeply interested in its work and the sort of people-to-people health care and education it provides," Dr. Mount said.

Mrs. Mount is an active member of the New York Committee for Project Hope. In order to raise funds for the work of the noted hospital ship, the organization will hold a theater benefit May 18, starring Helen Hayes.

The Hope Ship spent 10 months in Peru and now is anchored in the Guayas River at Guayaquil, Ecuador. After 10 months there, it will depart for Africa.

During its stay in Ecuador, the Hope will concentrate on upgrading medical education, providing postgraduate medical education for Ecuadorian physicians and postgraduate and refresher courses for dentists, training auxiliary personnel for the health field, rotating medical students through the ship's hospital services, helping the country's nursing school improve its training and educate more nurses, setting up public health facilities in slum areas, and promoting modern methods of hospital organization and administration.

## Berlin University Honorary M.D. To Dr. Nachmansohn

Dr. David Nachmansohn, neurobiochemist on the staff of the College of Physicians and Surgeons for 22 years, will receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Berlin, Germany, in September.

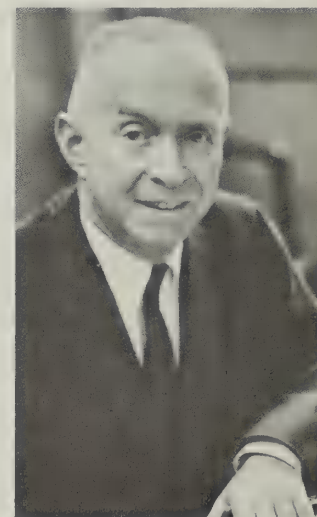
The honor, to be formally bestowed upon Dr. Nachmansohn in Berlin, notes his contributions to medical research and his success in fostering international scientific cooperation.

This academic recognition closely follows his recent election to membership in the German Academy of Sciences, one of the oldest and most respected scientific institutions.

Professor of Biochemistry in the Department of Neurology, Dr. Nachmansohn is also a member of the steering committee that will plan and develop research projects for the Parkinson's Disease Research and Information Center, soon to be established here at the Medical Center.

Dr. Nachmansohn was notified by the dean of the medical faculty of the Free (Western) University of Berlin that the honorary doctorate recognizes "your outstanding achievements in the field of neurobio-

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DR. DAVID NACHMANSOHN

"It is vital to the success of Project Hope that the countries visited recognize their roles in this health program," Dr. Mount emphasized.

"This is not a giveaway program. It is geared to help these people help themselves, by teaching them, and encouraging them. They set up their own committees and build on the foundation that is established with their help by the Hope Ship. Their response is enthusiastic and gratifying."

## We Have A Friend At Flushing Meadow

Medical Center personnel visiting the New York World's Fair may recognize a familiar face at the Picturesque Belgium exhibit.

Acting as an official greeter at the Belgian Project will be Miss Lazarine DePena, a Babies Hospital Volunteer who feeds supper to young patients one evening a week under the Tender Loving Care program.

The Belgian exhibit, a realistic village of 134 houses, a church, typical town hall and other features, is located on a 164,000 square foot plot.

Scheduled opening date for the Fair is April 22.



# JUMPING FOR JOY

Two very exciting sports that are gaining in popularity are scuba diving and sky diving. In September 1963, Stethoscope told of the fascinating underwater adventures of scuba diver Bob Demarest, a medical artist in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Here we take you aloft with two Hospital employees to the thin air where birds—and sky divers—play.

When Presbyterian Hospital accountants Tom Rowe and Jim Kiernan give accounts of their first parachute jump, they sound a bit like the two Yankees discussing a farmer who fell from his barn roof.

1st Yankee: "Fall hurt him, did it?"

2nd Yankee: "Nope, the landing."

As Tom and Jim tell it, the parachute fall itself was an exhilarating experience; the impact of the landing was something of a shock.

"The ground came up to meet me with more of a jolt than I'd expected," recalled Tom, expressing an opinion that was quickly endorsed by Jim.

Tom Rowe and Jim Kiernan, both 26, Army veterans and college graduates, are level-headed young men who don't seem to fit the popular image of persons who would go leaping out of high-flying airplanes.

## SENSIBLE MEN, BUT . . .

Tom is a 1959 graduate of Fordham who is completing his second year of study, nights, at St. John's School of Law. A veteran of six months with the U. S. Army Artillery, he's been employed here for over four years.

Jim, a 1962 St. John's graduate, served six months with the Army Corps of Engineers before joining the Accounting Department in July, 1963.

They're sensible young men but, as any freshman student of sociology can tell you, adventure is one of the social needs of a human being and parachute jumping, or skydiving, ranks just behind scuba diving today as a hobby for adventure seekers.

## NOT SO HAZARDOUS

"If you follow the basic rules, parachute jumping is an extremely safe adventure," Jim Kiernan explained. "It's certainly much less hazardous than many other popular sports, such as skiing."

Tom Rowe said he became interested in parachute jumping through a friend who had jumped a number of times. "I told him he was crazy," Tom said, "but I agreed to go along with him to the jumping center at Lakewood, N. J., just to watch."

One afternoon as a spectator at the jump center convinced Tom that he should become a partici-



YOUNG MAN ON HIS WAY DOWN

Tiny figure dangling below the parachute is Tom Rowe, about to land after jump from 2800 feet.

pant and to bolster his determination, he talked Jim into going along with him.

"If we wanted to back out, we had two excellent opportunities," Jim explained. "The first time we drove down to Lakewood, there were so many people waiting to jump that it was dark by the time our turn came up. The next time we went, it was too crowded again."

On December 1st, Tom and Jim tried again. It was a cold day and snow was falling, but they went through hours of pre-jump training.

This basic instruction consisted of such relaxing phases as watching a film demonstrating proper techniques of the jump and listening to a blackboard lecture.

Then the pace became considerably more rigorous.

"We practiced the proper exit from a mock-up of a plane, then we practiced the parachute landing fall from a four-foot platform into

soft sand," Jim said. "We were taught to jump with knees together and slightly flexed, then to hit toe, heel, roll to the right and fall on our side. It seemed easy."

After a long wait, the snow finally abated. Tom, Jim and seven other jumpers, all equipped with jump-boots, coveralls and helmet, scrambled aboard a large single-engine plane.

"I was frightened at first," Tom admitted, and Jim nodded, indicating he had shared the apprehension. "I'd never stepped out into space before and that's enough to scare anyone."

## LADIES FIRST

"I was really ashamed to feel afraid," added Jim. "The first one who was going out, from 14,000 feet for a 20-second free fall, was a girl. She was making her 45th jump."

After the fearless girl made her spectacular leap from almost three miles up, the plane went down to 2800 feet, cut its engines and began dropping.

"I was the second to jump," said Tom. "I clutched both my parachutes for reassurance, made sure the ripcord of the chute on my back was attached to the static line, sat on the edge of the plane's open door and waited."

## JUMP, SAID THE MAN

"It was snowing again and the wind whipping against my leg was freezing. Down below I could see the drop zone, our target. It's as big as two football fields but it looked like a postage stamp."

In spite of his natural apprehension, when Tom heard the jumpmaster say "jump," he jumped. Four seconds later, his chute opened automatically.



PRIDE COMETH AFTER THE FALL

Back on solid ground, proud and happy, Jim Kiernan, left, and Tom Rowe flank another parachutist, a friend who talked Tom into his first jump.



Mrs. Ethel Casey

## 100 Friends Fete Mrs. Ethel Casey As She Retires

More than 100 friends and co-workers paid tribute to Mrs. Ethel Casey on March 27 as she retired after 23 years of service to Presbyterian Hospital.

Mrs. Casey was presented many gifts, including a check and a satin ribbon mounted on P.H. blue which contained names of contributors to her farewell present.

She began her career at the Medical Center as a nursing aide. After three years in this position, she transferred to the Doctors' Offices and since 1953 had been a dental assistant in the Doctors' Offices Dental Suite on the fourth floor of Harkness Pavilion.

Friends said Mrs. Casey plans an active retirement which, they reported, includes part-time work connected with the Medical Center, plus volunteer work among children in Babies Hospital.

## FLOATING IN SPACE

"I felt no jolt at all when it opened and I had no sensation of falling," Tom recalled. "It was a very exhilarating feeling, just floating in space."

Jim, who jumped a little later, said his feelings were similar to Tom's. "I felt like I was sitting on a swing. I could see for miles

## Ilse Kube, Retiring, Will Work With Tots

Volunteer work with sick or needy children is a goal of Miss Ilse Kube, who retired April 2 as supervisor of physical therapy in Harkness Pavilion.

"I want to help children in a hospital or orphanage," said Miss Kube. "I love children very much."

A physical therapist at the Medical Center for more than 20 years, she originally worked at New York State Psychiatric Institute, then transferred to Presbyterian Hospital in 1944. She has been physical therapy supervisor in Harkness for about 10 years.

"My sister, Mrs. Elfriede van der Recke, held that position before I did and I succeeded her when she retired," Miss Kube said.

## NURSE IN EUROPE

Born near Breslau in Silesia, she did graduate nursing in Germany and Holland before coming to the United States in 1928. She worked as a private nurse and a doctor's office nurse in New York before undertaking the study of physical therapy.

"Physical therapy is a very gratifying occupation," she said. "And I've enjoyed working at the Medical Center. My co-workers have been wonderful."

Miss Kube plans an active retirement. In addition to working with children, she hopes to take in all the wonders of the World's Fair and to travel the United States and Europe.

and miles. It was unbelievably beautiful. My only complaint was that the fall lasted only four minutes. It was over too soon."

In spite of the unexpected jolt they experienced on landing, neither Tom nor Jim was hurt and they were awarded certificates to show the world that they had made a parachute jump.

Do they want to try leaping from a plane again?

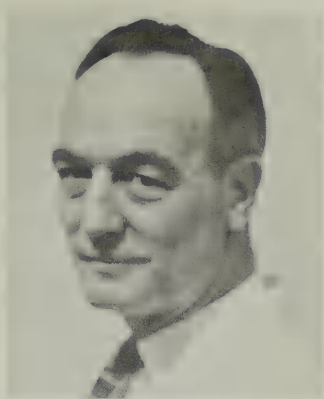
"I'm going to," said Tom, "but Jim's getting married (the wedding was April 4) and his wife might have something to say about his jumping."

"I don't think she'll offer too much opposition," Jim added quickly. "She was along the first time we went down to Lakewood and I know if I hadn't jumped, she'd never have stopped kidding me about it."





Miss Catherine Adair



Dr. John M. Baldwin, Jr.



Sgt. Edwin Behlmer



Dr. Joseph A. Cuttita



Dr. Gedeon Eros

## 25 YEAR CLUB ADMITS 29 NEW MEMBERS



Miss Elizabeth Fisher



Albert Freyer



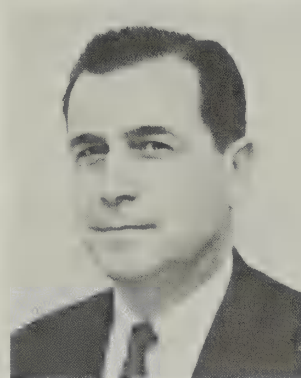
Dr. Paul F. A. Hoefer



Miss Marguerite P. Jansen



Miss Margaret F. Lawry



Dr. Ralph Moloshok



Mrs. Carolyn Schaefer



Mrs. Pauline M. Tormey

The Medical Center's 25 Year Club will induct 29 veteran personnel into its ranks during the annual banquet April 30 in Bard Hall. At present the club has over 700 members.

Professor emeritus of orthopedic surgery Dr. Alan DeForest Smith, completing a one-year term as club president, will be toastmaster. New officers will be elected at the dinner, which will be preceded by a cocktail party at 6 p.m.

The committee working on details of the annual event consists of Peter R. Bozzo and Miss Marian Johnson, arrangements; Miss Anne Healy and Dr. Frederick R. Bailey, reception; Miss Helen F. Pettit, entertainment; Dr. William S. Langford, nominating, and Charles McCarthy, publicity.

### NEW MEMBERS

Being admitted to club membership this year are Catherine Adair, Medicine, DPS; Dr. John M. Baldwin, Medicine; Sgt. Edwin H. Behlmer, Protective; Mrs. Elsie R. Boutin, Nursing; Dr. M. Edwina Campbell, Medicine; Dr. Joseph A. Cuttita, School of Dental and Oral Surgery; Dr. Gedeon Eros, Neuropathology, P&S; Elizabeth Fisher, Neurology, P&S and Albert Freyer, Anatomy, P&S.

Others include Dr. A. David Gurewitsch, Physical Medicine; Dr. David V. Habif, Surgery; Dr. Paul F. A. Hoefer, Neurology; Marguerite P. Jansen, Nursing; Dr. Robert E. Jennings, Pediatrics; Dr. Kenneth Kelley, Psychiatry; Mrs. Catherine Lang, Clinical Pathology; Margaret F. Lawry and Anne Walters, Obstetrics & Gynecology, DPS, and Harold F. Liscombe, Housekeeping.

Also, Mrs. Grace MacQueen, Surgery, DPS; Dr. Ralph Moloshok, Pediatrics; Charles S. Munson, Board of Trustees; Miss Elizabeth Patterson, Dermatology, P&S; Mrs. Carolyn Schaefer, Beauty Salon; Dr. William H. Stearns, Medicine; Mrs. Pauline M. Tormey, Food Service; Mrs. Marie Trenholm, Mail Room; Dr. Heinrich B. Waelsch, Biochemistry, P&S, and Mrs. John D. Wing, Women's Auxiliary, Neurological Institute.

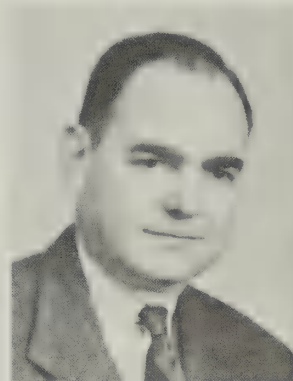


Dr. A. David Gurewitsch



Dr. David V. Habif

## ANNUAL BANQUET IN BARD HALL APRIL 30



Dr. Robert E. Jennings



Mrs. Catherine Lang



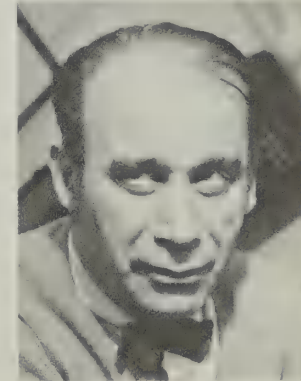
Charles S. Munson



Miss Elizabeth Patterson



Mrs. Marie Trenholm



Dr. Heinrich B. Waelsch



## Hope For 200 Entries In 14th Art Exhibition

All Medical Center personnel with artistic abilities are urged to show examples of their work in the 14th annual Arts, Photography and Crafts Exhibition, April 28 through May 8.

Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., exhibition chairman, said he hopes for about 200 art entries this year. In 1963 about 160 works were shown.

It is expected that some 1,500 persons will visit the exhibition, which will be held in the library annex on the 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

Exhibit hours will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, except Wednesdays, when the exhibit will open at 8 a.m. The only Saturday opening

is May 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A preview showing and tea for exhibitors and their guests will be held in the library annex on April 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. Hostesses will be Mrs. A. J. Binkert and Mrs. H. Houston Merritt.

All members of the Medical Center family, including Volunteers and medical, dental, and nursing students, are invited to exhibit as many as three original works.

Entry blanks will be available beginning April 13 at all nursing stations and in the Public Interest Office, Room 4-32 of Presbyterian Hospital. Questions may be referred to Public Interest, Extension 1913.

All entries are to be brought to the library annex beginning April 20. No entries will be accepted after 5 p.m., April 24.

## P&S Cancer Clinic In Athens, Greece Is First in Europe

A cancer clinic of the type which now exists only in a number of large American medical centers will be established by Columbia University this fall in Athens, Greece.

The first clinic of its kind created by a U. S. university in a foreign country, it will be operated by Greek physicians who have trained at Francis Delafield Hospital, the special cancer unit at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

The doctors will use the American team-of-specialist approach, working together to diagnose and treat each case. This differs from the traditionally less organized approach to medical care that is in effect in most of Europe today.

Officially designated The Columbia Cancer Clinic of the University of Athens Medical School, the new facility will occupy space in King Paul General Hospital, the university's teaching hospital. Clinic services will be available at no charge to patients.

Details of clinic operation were worked out by the dean of Athens Medical School and officials of Delafield Hospital and Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, located at the Medical Center.

Director of the clinic will be Dr. Evagelos Papadrianos, a Greek surgeon who has been doing postgraduate work at the Medical Center for two years.



CASHIER RETIRES

Lawrence J. (Larry) Pronek, who retired as assistant head of the Cashier's Office March 14, recalls watching professional baseball played where the Medical Center stands. The team was the N. Y. Highlanders, forerunners of the Yankees. "In those days," said Larry, "there was a high outcropping of stone where the Georgian Apartments are now. We used to stand on that and watch the games over the fence." A native of Brooklyn, Larry joined the staff of the Cashier's Office Oct. 18, 1950 after many years as an auditor and bookkeeper. He will seek part-time employment and keep occupied with his hobbies: photography, reading and piano playing.

## April 22 Awards Tea Will Honor Volunteers

Eight Volunteers who served the Medical Center more than 1,000 hours each during 1963 will be singled out for special honors during the 13th annual Volunteer Awards Tea from 4 to 6 p.m. April 15 in Maxwell Hall.

Mrs. George A. Perera, a Volunteer for 18 consecutive years, will preside at the tea. She is chairman of the Volunteer Committee of the Women's Auxiliaries.

Following refreshments, the Volunteers and their guests will hear Dr. Harold W. Brown, Professor of Parasitology, Columbia University, speak on "The Medical Center Program Abroad for Nurses and Medical Students."

## WEINBERG AID

*Continued from page three* prove job effectiveness and enhance opportunities for promotion.

Any full-time employee of Presbyterian Hospital with at least six months' service may request assistance under the Weinberg Plan, provided he takes a job-related course in a school of recognized standing.

The fund reimburses up to 50 per cent of the tuition fee for one to six credits each semester, or the equivalent for non-credit courses.

Presbyterian Hospital Volunteer Pins, signifying completion of 100 hours of service during 1963, will go to 194 Volunteers. Awards from the United Hospital Fund for volunteer service will be presented to 289 persons.

## 1,000 HOURS, PLUS

The eight Volunteers who will be honored for more than 1,000 work hours in 1963 are Mrs. Ida Rosch, Sterile Supply, 1,598 hours; Mrs. Anne Kingsford, Neurological Research, 1,430; Miss Maud Musgrave, Sterile Supply, 1,350; Miss Hattie H. Bruns, Volunteer Office, 1,280; Miss Gertrude McDonnell, Pharmacy, 1,231; Hector Santiago, lab technician, P&S-14, 1,169; Mrs. Helen Harris, Speech & Hearing Clinic, 1,122, and Miss Anna Schwartz, Babies Recreation Floor, 1,022.

Their dedicated service can be better appreciated if it is realized that an average full-time employee works 40 hours a week, 50 weeks a year, a total of 2,000 hours.

Mrs. Marguerite Stein, Director of Volunteers, said that 1,094 persons served the department in 1963 and contributed a record-breaking total of 129,763 hours.



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS COURSE ATTRACTS 165 PHYSICIANS

Dr. William A. Silverman, standing, director of the Babies Hospital Premature Nursery, addresses a group of 165 pediatricians from the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico at a recent three-day postgraduate course in "The Premature Infant" at the Medical Center. He was chairman of the course, which was sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics, April 19-21. Seated at the speakers' table, from left, are Dr. Hattie E. Alexander, Dr. Katherine Sprunt, and Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., all of Babies Hospital, and Dr. Heinz Eichenwald of New York Hospital.

## Dr. Nachmansohn

*Continued from page three* chemistry and your efforts to further international relationships between scientists."

Dr. Nachmansohn earned his M.D. degree at the University of Berlin in 1926. He was brought up in Berlin, moved to Paris in 1933 and to the United States in 1939. He joined the faculty of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1942.

A large amount of research on the chemical basis of nerve activity has been conducted in his laboratories. He established the mo-

lecular events whereby bioelectric currents are generated in membranes of nerve and muscle fibers, and has written more than 300 scientific papers on the subject. From them has come much new knowledge of the mechanisms by which nerve cells carry electrical impulses. The information obtained has had pertinent application in medicine.

Dr. Nachmansohn also has set up a number of meetings for scientists from different countries, including the first international symposium after World War II on nerve and muscle activity.

## N. C. MEDICAL SCHOOL SALUTES DEAN MERRITT

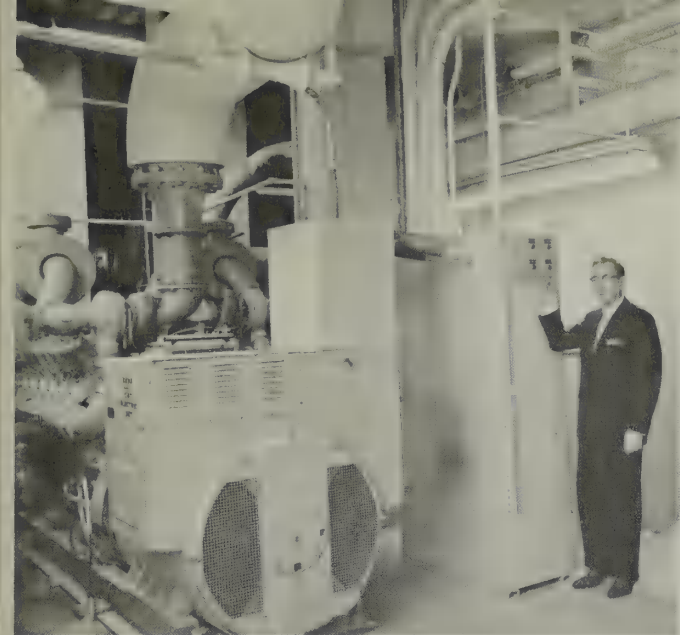
Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has received the University of North Carolina School of Medicine's Distinguished Service Award.

It was presented to him March 20 in Chapel Hill, N. C. during the university's annual Medical Alumni Dinner.

The award, according to a university citation, is "a token of the very real gratitude and appreciation of the alumni and faculty of the School of Medicine for your many and lasting contributions to medical education and for your interest in and helpfulness to the (medical school)."

Born in Wilmington, N. C., Dr. Merritt attended the University of North Carolina in 1919-20.





Standing beside new 600 kilowatt generator, Daniel D. Stevens points to indicator box that in case of power failure will reveal which of the Hospital's four sources of electricity is in trouble.

## EMERGENCY GENERATOR

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switches are arranged to close a pilot contact for remote starting of the standby plant one second after failure of the normal source, or after a drop in voltage on any phase to 70 per cent or less. The generator will deliver full voltage eight seconds after starting.

All electrical outlets and switchplates on lines connected to the emergency system are red, Mr. Stevens explained.

During a power failure, the system will provide lighting for all stairs and exits, corridors, tunnels, elevator machine rooms and switchboard and transformer areas.

It will also supply power for the doctors' paging system, fire alarm and sprinkler alarm systems, oxygen and nitrous oxide alarms, basic ventilation units, plus power and lighting for at least one elevator car in each building.

Other vital services covered by the emergency system include the operating, delivery, anesthesia and recovery rooms, the blood and bone banks, plaster and instrument rooms, food preparation and refrigeration areas, and other services considered necessary for the care of patients and efficient operation of the hospital.

A complete listing of areas and services included on the emergency electric system is being distributed. Additional copies may be obtained at Mr. Stevens' office.

## THEIR DOGS BOW; WOW!

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markable score of 199½ of a possible 200 points to win the obedience trial. Guy was handled by Dot Vail of the Babies Hospital bacteriology laboratory and is co-owned by Mrs. Aline Wil-drick, scheduling secretary, Presbyterian Hospital operating rooms.

Other Medical Center personnel who own and handle show dogs include special duty nurse Elinor Mason, with her miniature poodle Piquant Pollyanna; Mildred Stilwell, Babies Hospital social worker, who owns standard poodle Jolie of Rudkip, and Irish setter owners Dr. William Healey (Kinvarra Ha' Penny) and Dr. Frank Simonds (Kinvarra Red Feather).

## Mrs. Brown Retires; Will Remain Here As A Volunteer



Mrs. Stella Brown

Mrs. Stella E. Brown, who has been affiliated with the Medical Center as volunteer and employee for 20 years, retired March 11 as floor clerk on the 10th floor of Harkness Pavilion.

"I'm not really leaving

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"At present there is no facility at the Medical Center capable of accommodating many more than 200 persons at a time. The new auditorium will be used not only for regular lectures and meetings of medical students and physicians which currently strain existing facilities, but also for various other activities of interest to College and Hospital personnel that now must be held elsewhere."

The auditorium will seat 366 persons on the main floor and 350 in the balcony. Facilities include a projection booth and other visual aids to education. A sliding balcony partition will provide flexibility in accommodating groups of various numbers.

About two stories high, the auditorium, in the words of the architects, Rogers & Butler, has "a paneled design treatment, using brick, limestone and mosaic, a form of precast concrete with

## Excellent Books, Bargain Prices, At Milbank Sale

About 1,500 books—novels, mysteries, biographies, travel, history and children's works—will be offered to hospital personnel during the annual spring book sale in Milbank Library.

First day of the sale, April 27, coincides with the opening of the Medical Center's annual art exhibition. The sale runs through May 29.

though," said Mrs. Brown. "I'll be returning one day a week as a volunteer."

A lifelong resident of the Inwood and Washington Heights sections of Manhattan, Mrs. Brown served here from 1944 to 1955 as a volunteer, first in the Pediatric Clinic of Vanderbilt Clinic, then for nine years in the nursery of Sloane Hospital. Her volunteer hours total 8,500.

She became an employee in Harkness Pavilion following the death of her husband in 1955.

Both of Mrs. Brown's children were Sloane babies. Her son, Thomas Jr., was born in the old Sloane Hospital 38 years ago. Her daughter, Stella, was born in 1929, not too long after Sloane became part of the Medical Center.

marble aggregate."

The architects add that the auditorium creates "a sympathetic bond" between the Gothic-style entrance to the College and the Contemporary Black Medical Research Building.

Dr. Schullinger indicated that although contributions credited to the Alumni Committee of the Development Fund Campaign total \$2,107,425, only \$854,801 has been designated for the auditorium. The other gifts have been earmarked for endowment, research and other purposes.

"We are now seeking to obtain the \$245,199 that will bring us to our goal of \$1,100,000 for the auditorium," he said.

"Most of this money, we believe, could be realized through the subscription of \$1,000 commemorative plaques that will be attached permanently to seats in the auditorium.

"To date, 523 plaques have been reserved and 193 are still available. Because they will be permanently displayed and because they may be inscribed according to the wishes of the donor, they afford an excellent way to honor a friend or colleague or to memorialize a family name.

"A plaque may bear the name of the individual donor or of the contributing organization," he added. "In any event, it offers an opportunity of the highest order for instituting a permanent memorial."

### WILL LIST DONORS

Dr. Schullinger indicated that names of all donors of \$200 or more will be engraved on parchment scrolls to be displayed in glass cases in the auditorium lobby. Donors of all gifts, regardless of size, will be listed in a permanent Book of Remembrance that will be kept in the P&S Alumni Office.



THEIR PLANNING MEANS NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

Going over final details for the annual Student Nurse Benefit Card Party are, from left, Virginia Maeyer, actress Kitty Carlisle, honorary chairman, Mrs. Margaret Pimpinella and Helen Anderson.

# P&S Alumni Auditorium

Persons wishing to reserve commemorative seat plaques or to learn about other opportunities for contributions to the Alumni campaign should contact Dr. Schullinger or co-chairman Dr. J. Lawrence Pool, Class of 1932.

The mailing address is P&S Alumni Building Fund Campaign, Suite 1707, 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. 10017.

## Scholarship Card Party Is April 22

Prizes galore are being offered, but nursing students will be the big winners in the 1964 raffle and card party for the benefit of the Student Nurses' Scholarship Fund.

The annual card party, during which the drawing for raffle prizes is scheduled, will take place on the afternoon of April 22 in Maxwell Hall.

Top raffle prize is a week's vacation for two in the Virgin Islands. Other prizes include a shawl collar of Canadian beaver, civet choker, set of lady's matched luggage, \$100 B. Altman gift certificate, transistor radio, table radio, silver tray, theater tickets, hair dryer, electric toaster and coffee maker, gold charm bracelet, and many, many more.

Proceeds from the raffle and card party have helped finance the education of at least 20 of our student nurses annually for the past five years.

Miss Kitty Carlisle, popular television personality, is honorary chairman of the card party. Mrs. H. Houston Merritt, Mrs. Grayson Kirk and Miss Helen Young are honorary sponsors. The Chairman is Mrs. Robert H. E. Elliott, Jr.



## RH BABY RESEARCH

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Dr. John G. Gorman, adjunct pathologist at Lenox Hill Hospital, who has been associated with Dr. Freda in the research project, explained that the human body usually reacts to protect itself against foreign substances.

In the case of incompatible blood, if a sufficient amount is introduced into the body, sensitization results stimulating the production of antibodies that destroy the offensive blood cells.

In the research at Sing Sing, 27 volunteer prisoners, all of whom were Rh negative, received 10 c.c. of Rh positive blood. Three days later, 14 of the prisoners received intramuscular injections of gamma<sub>2</sub>globulin antibody. During monthly tests over the next six months none of these 14 became sensitized (none produced their own antibodies). Instead, they were protected by the artificial antibody which destroyed the positive blood cells.

Among the other 13 pris-

oners who had received positive blood and no gamma<sub>2</sub>-globulin antibody, five became sensitized and their natural immunological reaction produced antibodies which destroyed the positive blood cells.

"Now that we have clear evidence that this can be done without any harmful side effects, we hope to undertake an extensive study in Rh negative mothers who are at risk of Rh sensitization," Dr. Freda said.

Drs. Freda and Gorman believe that the Rh antibody preparation can be given to the Rh negative mothers within 72 hours after the delivery of their first Rh positive baby and still effectively protect them from becoming sensitized at a later date.

"Antibodies rarely appear during a first pregnancy," they explained. This, they said, is because the volume of positive blood cells which seep into the mother during a first pregnancy may be insufficient to stimulate her immune re-

### Masons Present Six Wheelchairs For Child Patients

Members of Chancellor-Kent Lodge 870, F & A M, have added some new gifts to their long record of generosity to Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Josiah Donner and Alan M. Brickman, both past Masters of the Masonic Lodge, visited Babies Hospital recently to donate, in the name of the members, six new, specially built wheelchairs for children.

Mr. Brickman, whose father, Benjamin Brickman was among those from the Lodge who presented the group's first gift to the hospital 20 years ago, recalled that the original gift was an iron lung.

Chancellor-Kent Lodge has a long tradition of giving support to the health field, they explained. This support has included the establishment of an endowed

action and production of antibodies during that pregnancy.

"The first appearance of Rh-antibody occurs either at 4 months following delivery or after the third month of the next pregnancy," they said.

#### IMPORTANT STIMULUS

Drs. Freda and Gorman believe that the important stimulus or significant amount of positive blood cells enters the mother at the time of delivery following her first pregnancy. This amount, they explain, predisposes or sensitizes her immune mechanism to react to the tiny amounts seeping into her body during the first three months of a second pregnancy.

An antepartum clinic at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center is the first of what the researchers hope will be many such clinics throughout the country where this program can be undertaken.

"We will follow prospective mothers who are susceptible to Rh sensitization throughout their first pregnancy, administer the antibody after the delivery of their first babies, and continue to follow them throughout second and perhaps third pregnancies," they explained.

The research during the past year was an extension of a project initiated in 1962 with a smaller group of volunteers at Sing Sing.



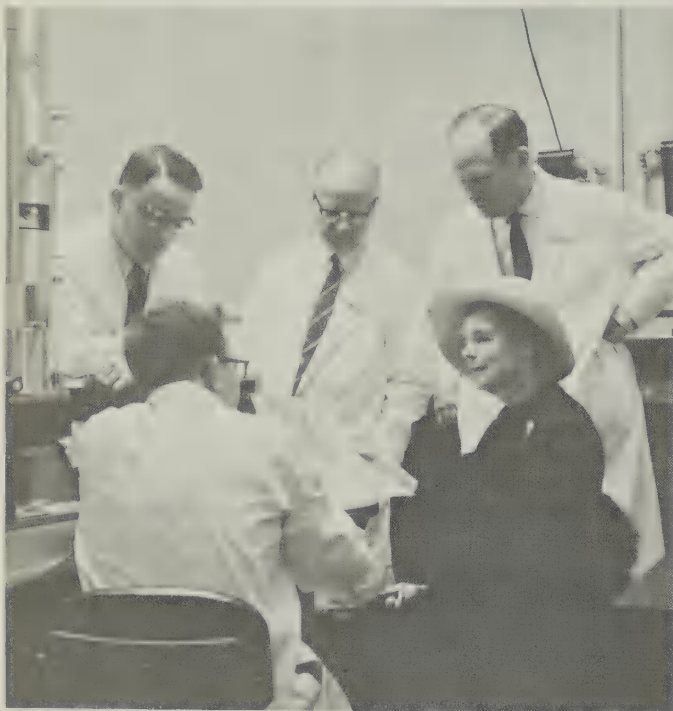
SEAT BELTS ARE A SAFETY FEATURE on six new wheelchairs presented Babies Hospital by Chancellor Kent Lodge of Masons. Securing a little patient is student nurse Judith Reidenbaker.

bed at Presbyterian Hospital, and contributions toward the construction of a new geriatric research center in upstate New York.

Many of the 430 members of the Lodge, which has

headquarters at 71 West 23rd St. have been patients at the Medical Center and express a particular interest in the care provided for children in Babies Hospital.

### Electron Microscopy Laboratory Dedicated



Among participants at the recent dedication of the F. HIGGINSON CABOT LABORATORY OF ELECTRON MICROSCOPY are (from left) Dr. Nathan Lane, Dr. Gordon Kaye (seated), Dean H. Houston Merritt, Dr. George H. Humphreys, II, Director of Surgery, and Mrs. F. Higginson Cabot. The laboratory was named after the late Mr. Cabot, who established a fund for use by the Department of Surgery many years ago. Both he and Mrs. Cabot contributed annually to the fund, from which this laboratory has been completely reconstructed. The new electron microscope (shown at left in the photograph) will be used in this laboratory under the department of surgical pathology for the study of human tissues.

### Dutch Award to Dr. Chargaff

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Presentation of the Heineken Prize will take place at a special session of the Royal Netherlands Academy in Amsterdam at the end of the current academic year.

The work for which Dr. Chargaff is being honored is his research into nucleic acids, the chemicals believed to constitute the hereditary material and protein-manufacturing machinery in all living organisms.

The significance of Dr. Chargaff's research in this field was recognized in December by the French Academy of Sciences, which

The investigation has been conducted with the assistance of Dr. William Pollack, senior research scientist at the Ortho Research Foundation, where the experimental, anti-Rh gamma<sub>2</sub>-globulin was developed. During 1962, the researchers demonstrated that sensitization could be prevented by administering the artificial antibody prior to introduction of positive blood.

The continuing success of the research raises the hope that within the next few years it may be possible to save the lives of thousands of babies who die before birth and to eliminate erythroblastosis fetalis.

granted him one of its highest awards, the \$16,000 Charles-Leopold Mayer Prize.

Dr. Chargaff, professor of biochemistry at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, began his nucleic acid research at the Medical Center 17 years ago. He has been with Columbia since 1935.

The laboratory staff which he heads was the first to prove the "base-pairing" of the deoxyribonucleic acids, known as DNA. This pioneering work led to other studies into the structure and composition of these substances inside the nucleus of the human body cell.

His work established the existence of previously unknown regularities of DNA composition, a discovery which led other scientists to propose the generally accepted idea of the double helical structure of DNA.

An Austrian by birth, Dr. Chargaff received a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Vienna in 1928. Before joining the Columbia faculty in 1935, he was a research fellow at Yale, 1928-30, head of chemical laboratories at the Institute of Hygiene, University of Berlin, 1930-33, and an associate at the Pasteur Institute, Paris, 1933-34.





# The Stethoscope

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## John A. Hill Is New Trustee

John A. Hill, president and director of Air Reduction Company, Inc., has been elected a trustee of The Presbyterian Hospital.

The announcement is made by Augustus C. Long, president of the hospital's Board of Trustees.



JOHN A. HILL

A prominent lawyer and business executive, Mr. Hill is a trustee of National Security Industrial Assn., Harlem Savings Bank and Amherst College, and director of Air Reduction of

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Obviously in tune with the little drummer is Miss Ruth Vickers, director of recreational therapy in Babies Hospital.

## HER WORK IS CHILD'S PLAY

A very cute little blonde, biting her tongue in determination, applies some final stitches to the pink felt hide of a stuffed donkey.

In a nearby room, a happy-faced Puerto Rican lad carefully brushes a coat of red paint on the wing of a wooden plane he has created with his own hands.

Here a young boy builds a cabin out of tongue depressors and a bit of glue, there a pigtailed girl, using dabs of bright paint, transforms an ordinary paper plate into a comic mask.

Moving quietly among them all, answering a question, offering a word of advice, encouragement or praise, is a pleasant appearing, silver-haired woman.

She is Miss Ruth Vickers, director of recreational therapy at Babies Hospital, a woman obviously in love with her job.

To better understand the importance of the role Miss Vickers plays, it should be remembered that many little patients are away from home for the first time—

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## P&S Alumni Honor Dr. A. P. Stout For Work on Smoking-Cancer Link

Dr. Arthur Purdy Stout, noted for his pioneering studies that helped establish the cigarette lung cancer link, has received the highest honor offered by the alumni of his medical school, Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons.



DR. ARTHUR PURDY STOUT

The College's Alumni Award, a silver medal, was bestowed upon Dr. Stout, a member of the Class of 1912, during the P&S Alumni Association's annual Alumni Day Banquet April 25 in the Waldorf-Astoria.

Presented for the first time, the Alumni Award represents "the high esteem which the Association places upon attainments in teaching and research."

Dr. Stout, 78, is professor emeritus of surgery at the College and consultant in surgery at The Presbyterian Hospital.

Still actively engaged in research, he has been study-

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## 39,861 Patients In '63, President Long Reports

The Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York during 1963 provided 480,140 days of care for 39,861 patients from all parts of the world, according to Augustus C. Long, president of the hospital's Board of Trustees.

The number of days of patient care recorded last year represents an increase of 9,140 over 1962 and

133,140 over the 1961 figure.

Mr. Long said there were 397,190 out-patient visits to Vanderbilt Clinic, of which 108,232 were free and the rest only partly paid for. There were an additional 200,846 patient visits to doctors' private offices.

The statistics are included in Mr. Long's presidential message in the fifth combined Annual Report of The Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, which is just off the presses.

The 337-page edition contains the reports of all the various heads of departments and services at the Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

Mr. Long stated that during 1963 the hospital required \$7,175 each day in gifts and income from endowment to meet an operating loss of \$2,619,203.

The deficit, he explained, resulted from free care provided for patients unable to pay the entire cost, or in many instances, any of the cost of the hospitalization.

## Babies Hospital After Dark

An absorbing on-the-scene account of one night's activities in Babies Hospital is scheduled to appear in the June issue of *Good Housekeeping Magazine*.

Noted magazine writer Evan McLeod Wylie spent two days and an entire night, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., with the doctors, nurses and other personnel of Babies to gather factual material for his dramatic report.

## Aspirin Overdosed Tots — A Real Headache

An infant, unconscious, feverish, his pulse racing, his breath coming in deep, rapid gasps, is rushed into Babies Hospital at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

To the child's frantic mother, the symptoms are mysterious and frightening. The pediatric resident swiftly examining the baby has seen them before. It's not a sight you forget easily.

He asks the mother one question: "Have you been giving this baby aspirin?"

Startled and confused by the query, the woman merely nods her head, a reply sufficient to confirm the doctor's suspicions.

The tiny infant lying on the examining table and gasping for life is a victim of aspirin poisoning, one of an estimated 50,000 such cases seen each year in hospitals across the United States.

"On the national level, aspirin is, far and away, the single most common cause of poisoning in babies and children," according to Dr. Robert W. Winters, attending pediatrician at Babies Hospital and professor of pediatrics at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

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DR. ROBERT W. WINTERS



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## STETHOSCOPIA

### ■ CUPID'S GENTLE ARROW

Clara Ling, Presbyterian Operating Room nurse, will marry Mr. Mal Poledano; Miss Karlan Sloan, Secretary in Department of Psychology, P&S, will marry Joseph G. McCarthy, 4th year student at College of Physicians and Surgeons, in June; Cara Rowan, R.N., will marry Mr. Frank Zakrzewski on May 23; Maxine Fried, R.N., will marry Mr. Richard Haigh, also on May 23; Florence Mahoney, Department of Urology, will marry Mr. Joseph Cavanaugh June 13; Miss Linda Jane Fay of Winnetka, Ill., will marry David Perera, student at P&S, son of Dr. George A. Perera, associate dean, and Mrs. Perera.

### ■ OUR BEST TO YOU

Patricia Krug, BH nurse, who married Patrick Dwyer on May 2. Mr. Dwyer is a New York City fireman; Mrs. Anne Wides, Department of Urology, who married Herbert Zeiller on April 19; and Ada Montagnino, Accounting, who married Mr. Thomas Smith on April 18.

Best wishes also to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Slack on their 40th wedding anniversary (Mrs. Slack is a ward clerk on PH 12th floor), and congratulations to Mrs. Carmen Padello, Record Department who has a new baby boy.

### ■ PROUD GRANDMOTHER DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Virginia Brennan, secretary in IOPH, a third time grandmother when her daughter had a baby boy; Catherine Donohue, NI-9 West Floor Control, welcomed twin grandchildren, a boy and a girl. The babies' father William Donohue worked in the Mail Room before joining the Marines. Mrs. Loretta Jones, Sloane Tumor Clinic, has a third grandchild, Paul Carlos; and Mrs. Marie Tevington, night operator, welcomed her tenth grandchild, Kevin Michael; Mrs. M. Donovan, Supervisor of Alumnae Shops, has twin grandsons, born to her daughter Marie Farelli, former Employee of the College.

### ■ OUR PEOPLE TRAVEL FAR AND WIDE

Harry Binn, Volunteer, has returned from a world cruise; Mrs. Lillian Tames, secretary in Volunteer Department, will attend the christening of her new granddaughter in California; Bridie Connolly and Breda Cahalan, Recording Department clerks, will vacation in Ireland.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY to Ruth Seal, Department of Surgery, on the death of her father.

GOODBYE, BEST WISHES to Theresa Lambiase and Nora Nicholson, Record Department, and Elizabeth Wettje, Purchasing. Miss Wettje will be an airline hostess.

### ■ STETHOSCOPE ORCHIDS

Nursing Department promotions are Alberta Adams and Joanne Meier to Head Nurses in PH Operating Room. Kathleen Muth, Staff Nurse in Recovery Room, has been awarded the W. B. Saunders Scholarship for graduate study. This \$1,000 award is administered by the Nurses' Educational Funds and is awarded annually.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

Dr. Melvin D. Yahr, Attending Neurologist, has been elected Chairman, section on Neurology and Psychiatry, of the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Arnold Friedman, Associate Attending Neurologist, was elected Secretary of the same section.

Five members of the Department of Neurology gave papers at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Neurology in Denver April 22-26.



DR. MELVIN D. YAHR

Drs. Robert A. Fishman, Associate Attending Neurologist, and Nicholas P. Christy, Associate Attending Physician, presented "Is There a Rational Basis for Intrathecal Administration of Adrenal Cortical Steroids in Multiple Sclerosis?" Drs. Yahr and Roger C. Duvoisin, Assistant Attending Neurologist, presented "Posterior Fossa Aneurysms."

Drs. Abe M. Chutorian, Assistant Attending Neurologist, and Lewis P. Rowland, Associate Attending Neurologist, presented "Lowe's Syndrome."

Dr. Harold Brown, Parasitologist, went to Manila to address a Peace Corps Doctors' Conference of all doctors from the Near East, then travelled around the world to Lagos, Nigeria, to speak to the Peace Corps in Africa on Tropical Diseases. There are 32 physicians in this group and six are from P&S, the largest group there from any one medical school.

Dr. John Scudder, Director of the Blood Bank, will participate May 21 at the dedication of Scudder Hall for married students at New Brunswick (N. J.) Theological Seminary. The building is named for his great-grandfather, Dr. John Scudder, a graduate of the Seminary and of Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, who in the early 19th Century became one of the first medical missionaries to India.

Dr. Emanuel M. Papper, Director, Anesthesiology Service, will receive an honorary degree from University of Uppsala, Sweden, May 28. He will also deliver a lecture, "The effect of drugs on the fetus and newborn." Before returning home he will visit various Air Force hospitals in Germany, France and England at the request of the Surgeon General, giving several lectures during these visits.

Dr. J. Lawrence Pool, Director, Neurological Surgery Service, pre-

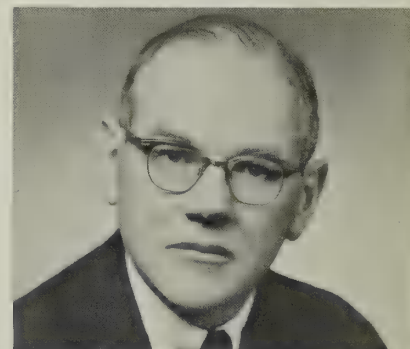
sented "Intracranial Aneurysms" while a Visiting Professor at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland recently. Dr. Pool just returned from a four-day meeting of the American Board of Neurological Surgery in Chicago, and attended the annual Harvey Cushing Society Meeting in Los Angeles where he discussed several of the papers on the program.

Dr. Gerhart S. Schwarz, Assistant Attending Radiologist, recently was a guest speaker at the 25th Anniversary Meeting of the Westchester Obstetrical and Gynecological Society. His topic: "Present Views on Use of Radiography in Pregnancy."

Dr. Raffaele Lattes, Attending Surgical Pathologist, conducted the Short Course on "Tumors of Soft Tissues" at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Pathology, held in Chicago recently.

Drs. Lattes, C. D. Haagensen, Attending Surgeon, and Ruth Guttman, Professor of Radiology, participated in a panel on "Breast Cancer" at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the John A. Andrew Clinical Society at John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dr. Arthur Gerard DeVoe, Director, Institute of Ophthalmology, presented "Complications of Keratoplasty" at the April meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter, American College of Surgeons, Pittsburgh.



DR. ARTHUR GERARD DeVOE

Dr. Niels L. Low, Associate Attending Neurologist, was Visiting Professor at Portsmouth Naval Hospital recently.

Dr. John K. Lattimer, Director of Urology, presented three papers at the New Orleans Postgraduate Medical Assembly recently. Dr. Lattimer will give an x-ray motion picture demonstration at the national meeting of the American Urological Society in Pittsburgh on May 12.

Dr. Henry Colcher, Assistant Attending Physician, V.C., lectured on "Problems in Gastric Ulcers" on Monday last at the Rudolf Virchow Medical Society.

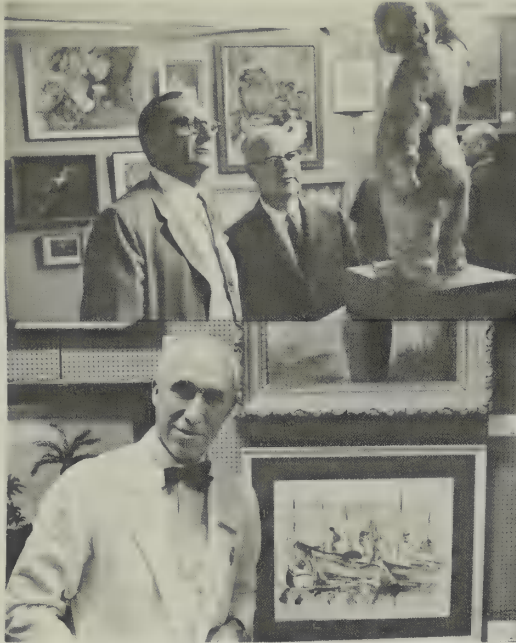
The S. Weir Mitchell Award of the American Society of Neurology was given to Richard Penn, second year medical student here. He received a free trip to Denver to attend the Annual Meeting of the Academy plus a \$100 prize.



# BY THEIR WORKS YE SHALL KNOW THEM



Kurt Lopez surveys his art — at the preview tea for exhibitors in this year's Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Art Show, still going on, in the 20th floor Milbank Library Annex.



A. J. Binkert and Dean H. Houston Merritt carefully examined one of the sculptures at the Art Show (above left) while their spouses were the charming pourers for the Art Show tea. In the lower photo, Dr. J. Lawrence Pool was photographed when he paused near one of the paintings he has exhibited in the show.



Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., chairman of the Art Show Committee, and Dr. C. R. Wise seem to be contemplating the hidden meaning of some of the entries on display (top photo). In the lower photograph, a trio of visitors to the show and the preview tea appear to be engaged in debating the relative merits of their contributions.



The well-sculptured features of Mrs. Bard Cosman were captured by her surgeon-sculptor husband in this year's art show. This sculpture is one of 170 entries on exhibit.

## John Lucero to Visit Puerto Rico

John J. Lucero, retiring after 15 years with the Hospital's Maintenance Department, is planning his first visit in 10 years to his native Puerto Rico.

Born in Fajardo, in the heart of the island's sugar-raising region, John came to New York in 1916 seeking, as a young man will, "something different and exciting."

The first job he found, as a factory hand, wasn't too exciting, but he liked the city and he stayed on. Two years later he met and married a girl of Puerto Rico extraction, Helen Viscarrondo. They celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary in September.

The Luceros have two married daughters and four grandchildren. One of them, Gloria, lives in Puerto Rico and will be host to her parents during their visit there.

Beyond the trip to the island of his birth, John has no plans. But he hopes to devote more time to his interests: raising flowers, reading, listening to music —and going to the races.

"I love to watch horses run," he said. "It's very, very exciting."



JOHN J. LUCERO

## GNY Fund Drive Starts Thursday

Hoping to improve upon its excellent effort of last year, Presbyterian Hospital launches its 1964 campaign for the Greater New York Fund with a kick-off rally at 10 a.m. Thursday (May 7) in the 4th floor amphitheater of Babies Hospital.

Addressing campaign workers at the rally will be Mr. A. J. Binkert, executive

vice president of the hospital, and Dr. C. R. Wise, hospital campaign chairman.

A spokesman for the Greater New York Fund indicated that during the 1963 campaign Presbyterian was first among all participating hospitals in total giving, \$10,720, and per capita giving, \$3.64.

## Dr. Bunge Gets Nerve Tissue Study Award

A Medical Center anatomist, deep in vital studies of nerve tissue cells here, has been awarded a Lederle Medical Faculty Award for his dedication to medical teaching and research.

Dr. Richard P. Bunge, assistant professor of Anatomy at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, will receive \$27,900 during the next three academic years to continue his search for a more thorough understanding of the structure and function of the human nervous systems.

Dr. Bunge, 31, is one of 15 medical school faculty members in the United States to be thus honored this year by Lederle Laboratories. Lederle makes its awards annually to help sustain the high quality of medical education in this country and Canada.

A native of Madison, S. D., he received his M.D. from University of Wisconsin Medical School and was a research and teaching assistant and instructor in Anatomy there.

He was a Postdoctoral Fellow of National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Columbia University's Laboratory for Cell Physiology for two years before joining the faculty of P&S in 1962.

## Hundreds Enjoy 25 Year Club Fete



Dr. John Baldwin addresses members of the 25 Year Club. Seated, left, is honorary trustee John W. Hornor and, right, Miss Elizabeth Callahan, unit manager of Babies Hospital.

Dr. Rollo J. Masselink, attending neurologist, is the new president of the Medical Center's 25 Year Club. He was elected April 30 during the annual banquet, attended by 350 persons.

Twenty-nine new members were inducted at the time, boosting Club mem-

bership well above the 700-mark.

New vice presidents are John W. Hornor, an honorary trustee who has been affiliated with the Medical Center for three decades, and Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, secretary in Department of Anatomy, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

### OTHER OFFICERS

Others elected: Miss Elsie Coffin, Department of Urology, secretary; Mrs. Marion Thatcher, private duty nurse, assistant secretary, and Hugh King, information desk, P&S, treasurer.

Out-going president Dr. Alan DeForest Smith was toastmaster during the banquet.



## Not Really Retiring, Says Mary Beirne, Admitting Clerk



MARY BEIRNE

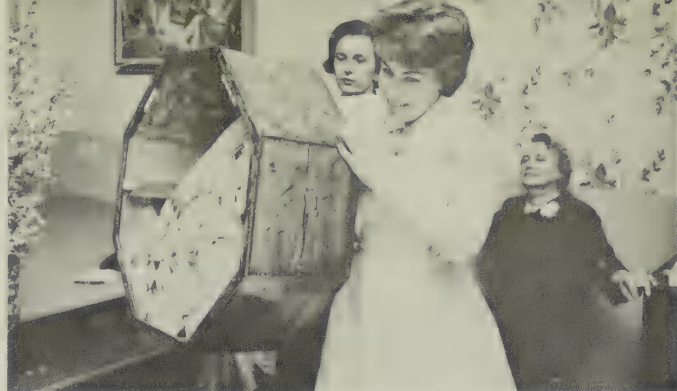
Miss Mary Beirne, who has been the first Medical Center employee to greet hundreds of Babies Hospital patients and visitors in the past eight years, retired April 30.

An information and admitting clerk in Babies since Jan. 26, 1956, she was honored by many of her hospital friends at a farewell tea on April 24.

She was born in New York City and now makes her home in Washington Heights. Before beginning her employment here, Miss Beirne was a bookkeeper for more than 30 years in the Adirondacks.

To her position in Babies Hospital, Miss Beirne brought, in the words of an associate here, "an unusual flair for handling children and a rare talent for finding the proper words to reassure a worried parent."

She is not really retiring, Miss Beirne insisted. "I plan to find part time employment and to do more reading and sewing."



THAT'S THE TICKET

Miss Helen Anderson, student chairman for the benefit card party, draws a winning number in the raffle. Looking on attentively are Miss Martha E. Haber, left, assistant director of nursing (Neurological Institute), and Miss Elizabeth S. Gill, director of nursing.

## Nurse Scholarship Benefit Raises Estimated \$9,700

An estimated \$9,700 for nursing education was realized from the sixth annual card party and raffle for the benefit of the Student Nurse Scholarship Fund.

The party, held April 22 in Maxwell Hall, was attended by more than 200 persons. Winning raffle tickets were drawn at the same time.

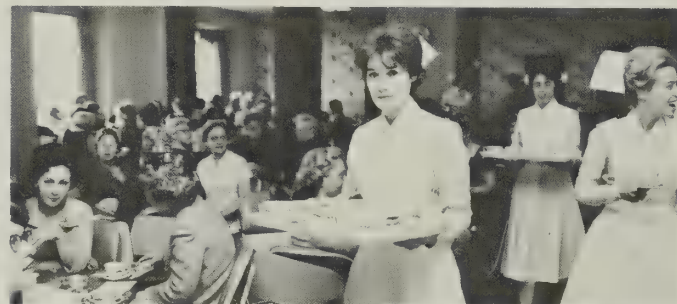
Top prize in the raffle, a Virgin Islands trip for two, went to Mr. and Mrs. Buel J. Smith of the Bronx.

Other winners: Mrs. G. Thorkelier, Tenafly, N. J., set of matched luggage; Mrs. Germana Berol,

Waynesboro, Ga., \$100 B. Altman gift certificate; K. Hart, Manhattan, beaver collar; Mrs. Randall Morgan, Philadelphia, two car tires; Nurse Cecile Covell, Class of '26, gold charm bracelet; David G. Kelly, Port Chester, clock radio; Ida Weinberger, Bronx, handmade afghan; N. J. Martin, River Vale, N. J., handmade rug, and H. Schmitt, Manhattan, handmade tablecloth.

Also taking prizes were Mrs. M. E. Franks of Pelham Manor, lady's handbag; Mrs. George Rocker,

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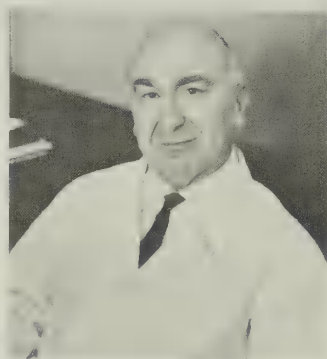
Student nurses served at card party with notable charm and efficiency.

## New Technique Relieves Barbiturate Overdose

Medical researchers at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center have perfected a method of therapy in animal experiments which speeds elimination of barbiturate poison through the introduction of a solution containing the drug THAM into the abdominal cavity.

Dr. Lester C. Mark, associate attending anesthesiologist at Presbyterian Hospital, reported on the effectiveness of this solution for peritoneal dialysis (bathing the lining of the abdominal cavity) during last month's meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology at the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago.

Dr. Mark said the technique was first demonstrated by Drs. Gabriel Nahas and Cyril Sanger at the Medical Center in 1961.



DR. LESTER MARK

He explained that the administration of the THAM solution at half hour intervals resulted, at the end of only 3 hours, in recovery of approximately 10-12 per cent of the administered dose of the barbiturates.

"This type of therapy is intended to be used after the resuscitative and supportive care in the emergency phase of treatment

for barbiturate poisoning in order to hasten relief from coma," Dr. Mark said.

"We tested the THAM solution on 18 animals, analyzing its effectiveness in reducing barbiturate concentration from overdoses of phenobarbital and pentobarbital," Dr. Mark added.

He pointed out that the THAM solution, which has no ill side effects, produced a recovery of barbiturate at 2-3 times the rate of comparable solutions which can be used for peritoneal dialysis.

Dr. Mark said that the experimental results indicate that the THAM solution is a useful agent for peritoneal dialysis in the management of barbiturate poisoning involving overdoses of barbiturates or other weak acids such as salicylates.

## Modern Plastic Surgery Emphasizes Reconstructive Work, Resident Says



Dr. Rohlo Ardizzone examines a child who may require plastic surgery.

Dr. Rohlo Andrea Ardizzone is a young plastic surgeon who wishes he could make the general public recognize that his specialty is concerned with many things other than cosmetic surgery.

"It is unfortunate that so many people are aware only of the cosmetic aspects of plastic surgery," he said. "In reality, most of our work is reconstructive, including the repair of congenital defects such as hare lips, cleft palates and webbed hands, the reconstruction of burn and accident victims, the repair of damaged hands, tissue transplantation, the surgical removal of head and neck cancer and the long subsequent reconstructive care."

Dr. Ardizzone, 32 years old on April 7, is the chief resident in Presbyterian Hospital's Plastic Surgery Service, the oldest continuous service of the kind in the nation.

After he completes his residency here July 1, he plans to enter private practice in Philadelphia where he will also serve on the faculty of Jefferson Medical College.

A native New Yorker, Dr. Ardizzone majored in philosophy and fine arts at Columbia, where he received an A.B. in 1953. Georgetown University School of Medicine awarded him an M.D. four years later.

### INTERNEED AT BELLEVUE

He then was with the 4th Surgical Division at Bellevue Hospital for a year of internship and two years of residency in general surgery. The following year found him working as a fellow in neoplastic surgery at Memorial Hospital.

He then served a year as chief resident in general surgery at Albert Einstein Medical Center before coming to Presbyterian Hospital in July 1962.

Chief resident here for the past six months, preceded by six months as the chief resident on the Head and Neck Service at Francis Delafield Hospital, Dr. Ardizzone is responsible for the care of all plastic surgery patients.

### AMATEUR CHEF

Dr. Ardizzone's schedule leaves him little free time. When he had more leisure he was an avid sportsman—riding, fox hunting, trout fishing, skiing, hunting and sailing. Now he is restricted to the more quiet, readily available modes of relaxation such as the theater, and indulging his talents as an amateur chef. In recent years since he has become a member of the Metropolitan Opera Club, he has become quite an opera buff.

Language is one of Dr. Ardizzone's hobbies which has been a great asset to him in his work. Born into an old Italian family, he speaks Italian as easily as English. He also is fluent in French and Spanish, and he uses all three of these foreign languages in daily contacts with ward and clinic patients.



## VOLUNTEERS BASK IN PRAISE AND APPLAUSE ON THEIR DAY



Mrs. George A. Perera, chairman of the Volunteer Committee of the Women's Auxiliaries, presiding at the recently held 13th annual Volunteer Tea in Maxwell Hall. Looking on are Mrs. Henry C. Taylor, Presbyterian Hospital Trustee; A. J. Binkert, Executive Vice President of the Hospital and Assistant Vice President, Dr. C. R. Wise.



Volunteers and guests filled Maxwell Hall for the ceremonies during which the volunteers were lauded for their dedicated service to the hospital. Eight volunteers were honored for more than 1,000 hours service, 194 received pins for 100 hours service or more and 289 received awards from the United Hospital Fund.



Dr. Harold W. Brown, Professor of Parasitology at Columbia University, was guest speaker at the Volunteer Tea. He spoke on "The Medical Center Program Abroad for Nurses and Medical Students."

## ANNUAL AWARDS TEA ATTRACTS 350 GUESTS



Mrs. B. DeWitt Bleeker was among the ladies who poured at the Volunteer Tea which preceded ceremonies in the Sturges Auditorium.



Mrs. R. Peter Rose and Mrs. Munn Baker, Auxiliary members enjoying a brief aside.

Among the hostesses at the Volunteer Tea were Mrs. Ralph H. Beets and Mrs. Rollo J. Masselink.



Mrs. Henry C. Taylor, who brought greetings from the Board of Trustees to the Volunteers, listens to Mrs. Louis Connick.



## Eight Researchers Here Receive Heart Assn. Aid

Eight Medical Center researchers engaged in scientific investigations in the field of cardiovascular-renal diseases have been awarded financial assistance by the New York Heart Association.

Receiving grants-in-aid, awarded to researchers whose projects "are considered . . . to have superior merit," are Dr. Brian F. Hoffman, pharmacologist at Presbyterian Hospital and professor and chairman of the Department of Pharmacology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Dr. O. Robert Levine, assistant pediatrician at Babies Hospital and instructor in pediatrics at the College.

Research fellowships, intended to "provide an income for promising young scientists while they study the problems and techniques of research under the guidance of mature investigators," have been awarded to six of our young physicians.

### OTHER RECIPIENTS

They are Drs. Marcia B. Bull, Edward M. Dwyer, Jr., Daniel L. Macken, Robert Mellins, William B. Stason and Michael L. Wagner.

In announcing the awards, the president of New York Heart Association, Dr. Herbert Chasis, emphasized the need for an increasing supply of re-

search scientists in the cardiovascular field.

"We are uncovering new clues to the solutions of cardiovascular-renal problems at such a fast rate that it requires a vast pool of qualified investigators to assure that every clue will be thoroughly studied."

### TOTAL AWARDS

Total amount of the awards by the Association was \$304,446. The breakdown: \$146,946 for seven grants-in-aid; \$49,500 for two senior research fellowships and \$108,000 for 18 research fellowships. Value of the individual awards was not specified.

## Nursing Scholarship Benefit

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Ridgefield, N. J., crystal vase; Mrs. Philip Dana, Cumberland Center, Me., transistor radio; Mrs. Bea O'Halloran, Sloane Hospital employee, 3-piece cigarette set; Dr. Jack Budowsky, Manhattan, hairdryer; senior nursing student Elizabeth Salter, fur boa; Mrs. Charles Johnson, Morristown, N. J., dinner for two at the St. Regis; Mrs. R. Simmons, Class of '60, electric coffeemaker, and Harry Selchow, Greenwich, Conn., silver tray.

Also, Mrs. Jack Sherman, Englewood, N. J., cup and plate set; Gretchen Mueller, Class of '65, blanket; Mrs. Boaz Shatton of Rye, hand-made shrug; Mrs. Albert Chervenak, High Park, N. J., six men's shirts; Mrs. A. DeRienzo, A Presbyterian Hospital employee, bathing suit; Mrs. George Dougherty, Ridgewood, N. J., tickets to Barefoot In The Park; Mrs. C. M. Chester, Hillsdale, N. J., toaster; Mrs. Philip Wiedel, Manhattan, table radio, and Frank McMahon, Manhattan, \$20 Lord & Taylor gift certificate.

Prizes to nurses selling the most raffle books went to Elizabeth Salter, Class of '64, dinner for two at



LILLIAN RUHL

## NO MORE RISING AT 4:30 A. M. FOR MRS. RUHL

One thing pleases Lillian Ruhl about retiring: she won't have to get up at 4:30 in the morning any more.

A maid on the ninth floor of Harkness Pavilion for more than eight years, Mrs. Ruhl is used to leaving her Brooklyn home at 5:30 a.m. to be to work here at 7.

"I've been getting up early for so long that even on my days off I can't sleep late," she said, "but I'm going to try now."

### GOING TO REST

Mrs. Ruhl, who has a married daughter and a grandson living on Long Island, has no retirement plans.

"I'm just going to rest, watch TV, sew and putter around the house. It might sound funny, but I really love housework."



A DRIVING AMBITION

The determined young fellow sitting confidently in the driver's seat is Don O'Leary, since 1960 an evening linen delivery man in the Medical Center Laundry. Soon his deliveries will be of the verbal variety and will be made in the courtroom. A full-time student during all of his employment here, Don, 24, ~~was~~ graduated with honors from Manhattan College in 1961, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in labor management. Next month he will be awarded his law degree at Fordham University. Summer will be unusually busy, even for Don. On July 16 he takes the New York Bar Examination and nine days later he takes a bride, Miss Carol Weldon, daughter of New York City Police Inspector James Weldon. He also takes with him the best wishes of his many friends and co-workers at the Medical Center.

## MODERN MOTHER GOOSE HAS HER DEBUT MAY 18

Comic Eddie Bracken will entertain and the Ben Cutler Orchestra will furnish music for dancing at the Seventh Annual Mother Goose Ball, 9 p.m. May 16 at Ferris Booth Hall, Columbia University.

### A MODERN THEME

This year's theme is Mother Goose Goes Modern. Chairmen are Dr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Brien and Dr. and Mrs. Donald Taylor. Honor-

ary chairmen are Dr. Virgil G. Damon and Mrs. Jose M. Ferrer, Jr.

### SCHOOL BENEFITS

Proceeds from the annual entertainment benefit the Medical Center Nursery School, Inc., a parent-cooperative managed school for pre-school children of the staff of Presbyterian Hospital and students of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Committee heads are Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Newwirth, patrons; Dr. and Mrs. Lionel Grossbard, sponsors; Dr. and Mrs. John J. Di Re and Dr. and Mrs. Michael Sulman, publicity and entertainment; Dr. and Mrs. Edward L. Coffey, invitations and tickets; Dr. and Mrs. Jack M. Blechner, decorating.

Ticket prices are \$6 per couple for residents, interns and students; \$10 per couple for attendings; \$15 per couple for patrons, and \$25 per couple for honorary patrons.

## Urology Residents Take Four Prizes In Essay Contest

Four residents on the staff of the Medical Center's Department of Urology earned honors at the recent Prize Essay Contest for Urology residents of the New York metropolitan area.

Dr. Moshe Markewitz took first prize with his paper on "Radioautography Studies of DNA and RNA Activity in Cryptorchid Testes."

Second prize went to Dr. Michael Heeg for his essay on Adrenal Surgery. Dr. Carl Pellman won third prize for his paper on "Hypofibrinogenemia and Fibrinolysis," and Dr. Richard Hale received an honorable mention for "Pelvic Arteriography and Perivesical Gas Insufflation."

### HELD IN APRIL

The essay contest, held April 17 and 18 in the Americana Hotel, was sponsored by the New York Section of the American Urological Association of the New York Academy of Medicine.

Seven of 10 scientific exhibits at the meeting were presented by the staff of Squier Urological Clinic and all received certificates of appreciation from the Association.

The essay contest was originally stimulated through the efforts of another Squier Clinic staff member, Dr. Ralph Cady Yeaw, who initiated the first contest in 1958 while he was President of the New York Section of the American Urological Association.

Each year since then staff members of Squier have submitted more than a third of all essays entered in the contest.

## Medical Student Edits Writings On Population Crisis

An important and timely book on which a Columbia University medical student has been working in an editorial capacity for more than three years has been released by a Dutch publisher.

The 560 page work, which lists among its contributors such famous persons as Bertrand Russell and Julian Huxley, is entitled "The Population Crisis and the Use of World Resources."

Larry Ng, a third year student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, is an associate editor of the book. He began soliciting articles for this edition while he was a senior at Stanford University.

Also among the contributors is Dr. Alan F. Guttmacher, clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology (Mt. Sinai), College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The book is published by Dr. W. Junk, Publishers, Den Hague, The Netherlands. The U. S. distributor is Indiana University Press, which, according to Mr. Ng, will release a paperback edition early in 1965.



# Aspirin Overdosed Tots — A Real Headache

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Dr. Winters, who has been studying the problem for 11 years, ventured the opinion that at least 50,000 and perhaps as many as 100,000 cases of aspirin poisoning occur annually among youngsters in this country alone.

"Any such estimate has to be an educated guess," he said. "No official statistics are available."

In almost all instances, aspirin sufficient to poison a child gets into his system either through accidental ingestion or through therapeutic overdosage, Dr. Winters explained.

Children aged 2 to 4, old enough to climb and explore but not to heed parental warnings, are the ones most likely to invade the medicine cabinet and eat the aspirin they find there.

## IT'S NOT CANDY

"Too often a mother encourages her child to take the flavored, so-called baby aspirin by telling him it's candy," Dr. Winters said. "Later he searches it out on his own. An adult might have trouble opening the bottle's 'safety' cap, but the child has no such difficulty. He uses his teeth."

"Fortunately, manufacturers of baby aspirin package their product in small bottles, so a child rarely gets enough from one bottle to produce serious salicylate poisoning, the result of aspirin overdosage."

"Unfortunately, on the other hand, children can and do ingest adult aspirin. The bitter taste doesn't seem to bother them at all and the supply, especially in the economy-sized bottles now being sold, is practically endless — much more than enough to poison the child."

## 2ND PATH TO TOXICITY

The case described at the beginning of this article, the infant battling for his life, furnishes an example of the second way in which a child becomes poisoned by aspirin. It is given to him in unintentionally excessive doses by the mother or someone else entrusted with his care.

Under questioning by the pediatric resident, the worried young mother told a familiar story. Her baby, three months old, had a cold, refused to take food or liquids, and was running a slight fever.

On the advice of a neighbor who had children of her own, the mother gave the infant aspirin to bring its temperature down. That seemed to help for a while, so when the baby's fever returned, the mother gave it more aspirin.

Over the next three days, the same pattern kept recurring, the woman said. To control the stubborn fever, she fed the infant aspirin every three or four hours around the clock. The infant took neither food nor water during this period. Once it vomited.

The mother said that on the morning of the day she sped her sick baby to Babies Hospital, she awoke to find the little boy "burning up" with fever. She gave him three more aspirin. Within a couple hours, the infant's breathing was labored and he had lapsed into unconsciousness.

Dr. Winters explained that what had happened to the baby at this point was that serious aspirin poisoning had set in.

## ASPIRIN ACCUMULATES

"When the total amount of aspirin given the child was added up, it was found to constitute a toxic dosage, particularly because the baby was dehydrated and his kidneys were not functioning to clear the aspirin from his system," he said.

"It was toxicity produced by the excessive accumulation of aspirin that brought on the high fever. Salicylate toxicity increases the total metabolic rate and too much heat is produced. It also alters the normal pattern of breathing, which accounted for the baby's over-breathing."

Dr. Winters added that doctors attending the infant were certain they would find abnormalities in his body chemistry, par-



Using ultrasensitive equipment, technician Agnete Thomsen confirms the suspected high acidity level in blood of aspirin-poisoned infant.

ticularly a dangerously high level of acidity. This belief was confirmed through blood tests made in a new small laboratory located on the second floor of Babies Hospital.

"Thanks to the very sensitive equipment in this acid base laboratory we are able to document the exact nature of an acid base abnormality, using just a few drops of blood from an infant's earlobe," he said.

"In this case, we found what we had anticipated: that the infant, because of the salicylate toxicity in his system, was over-producing and storing ketone acids, which normally are the breakdown products of fats. This baby was suffering from severe metabolic acidosis."

## NO SET ANTIDOTE

Dr. Winters said that there is no specific antidote for aspirin poisoning. In milder cases, doctors make use of a stomach pump or try to induce vomiting. Often they get liquids into the baby by intravenous infusion; this restores kidney function so that the victim may excrete the poison himself. Occasionally,

in some advanced cases involving infants, they perform an exchange transfusion, replacing the victim's poisoned blood with new blood.

The three-month-old infant in this instance was so severely poisoned that emergency measures were called for. A method of treatment called peritoneal dialysis was used. A catheter was inserted into the baby's abdominal cavity and through it was introduced a dialyzing solution.

This fluid, selectively prepared, was left in the abdominal cavity for one and a half hours, while it drew off molecules of salicylate through the abdominal membranes to itself. Then the poison-saturated solution was drained, fresh fluid was substituted.

After six such cycles, the salicylate level in the baby's blood was reduced to the point where his kidneys, primed and sustained by a simultaneous intravenous infusion, could handle the problem. He was out of danger.

## ALL CASES COMPLEX

"His case was a very complicated one, as are most of those involving children poisoned by aspirin," Dr. Winters said. "He exhibited abnormalities in his respiration, in his kidney function and in the acid-base balance of his blood. All of these had to be corrected."

Dr. Winters expressed the opinion that a general lack of accurate knowledge concerning the possible dangers of aspirin constitutes a continuing threat to the safety of children.

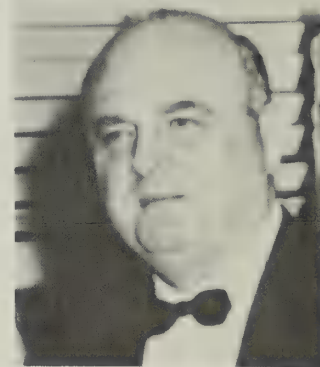
"There is an idea prevalent among mothers, even among some doctors, that aspirin is a benign drug,"

# ALUMNI AWARDS

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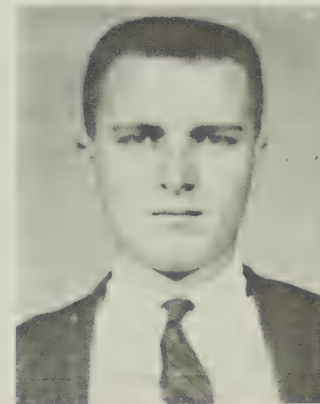
ing the cigarette-cancer relationship for 12 years. In 1959 he and Dr. Oscar Auerbach of the East Orange, N. J. Veterans Hospital became one of the first teams of scientists to confirm the link statistically.

The award to Dr. Stout was one of three presentations made during the banquet.



DR. IRVING A. SAROT

The Alumnus of the Year Award went to Dr. Irving A. Sarot, Class of 1932, for "service to the Association with distinction and devotion during a long and continuous period." Dr. Sarot is a thoracic surgeon who is affiliated with several hospitals in New York City.



EUGENE S. MAYER

The Association's first award to a P&S medical student was presented to Eugene S. Mayer, 25, of Westfield, N. J., president of the senior class. A citation accompanying the bronze medal praised Mayer as "an outstanding senior student who has shown exceptional qualities of leadership and loyalty to the College of Physicians and Surgeons."

Dr. Winters summarized. "In ordinary therapeutic doses it is. Given as directed, it is remarkably free of adverse side effects. An overdose, however, can be fatal. Sometimes it is."

## Library Seeks Translators

Do you know a foreign language?

If you do, you may be able to assist the Medical Library, which hopes to up-date its list of Medical Center personnel capable of preparing translations of foreign-language scientific articles.

Although the Library wants to hear from persons with a command of any foreign tongue, it is especially interested in registering translators with a good knowledge of Japanese.

Those wishing to serve as translators should register with the Library's Reference Section. The Library is located on the third floor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons (P&S-3-458).



## A SHANGRI-LA CALLED MAÑANA

Tomorrow, we faithfully vow, we'll be much better than we are now! (How convenient, cynics scoff, tomorrow's always one day off.)

MAÑANA

By  
Mary Wellington

Mañana I will clean my flat;  
Mañana I will comb my cat;  
And come mañana I will be  
The soul of all propriety:  
I'll iron blouses, wash my hair;  
Reducing diets I'll prepare.  
For good deeds I will start to search . . .  
I may decide to go to church.  
Mañana is a lovely place,  
A Shangri-La to save one's face.  
With confidence, I always say  
"Mañana" . . . (that will be the day!)

Mary Wellington, we have learned, creates most of her poetry on a bus while commuting to and from her job as secretary in the Department of Microbiology. She writes rapidly, often in shorthand on the back of an envelope. A New Englander by birth, she has had many of her poems printed in her hometown newspaper, the Bennington (Vt.) Banner. This is her third contribution to Stethoscope.

## Such A Pleasure to Lead An Easy Life And Leave The Cooking to One's Wife

After preparing food for others for 50 years, Harkness Pavilion chef Jean Ribi is retiring and will leave the cooking to his wife.

"I never cook at home," Mr. Ribi admitted. "My wife's too good at it."

Jean Ribi, who came to the Medical Center 18½ years ago after cooking in some of the most fashionable restaurants in Manhattan, learned the basics of his art as a 15-year-old apprentice at a plush hotel in Lausanne, Switzerland, the city where he was born.

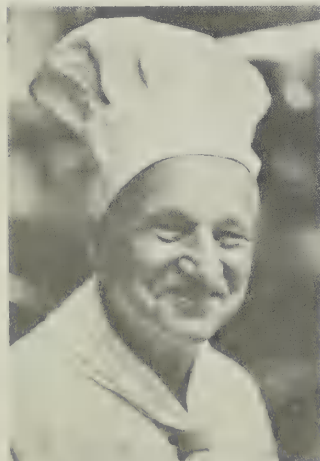
"An apprentice cook pays for his training, works long hours, does as he's told and then, after two years, must pass an examination to qualify as a cook," Mr. Ribi explained.

With the basics of cooking mastered, Mr. Ribi was recruited by the Ambassador Hotel as night sauce cook and chef when it had

its grand opening here in 1921. He learned the subtleties of his art during seven years at the swank Ambassador, followed by long periods of service at Hotel Warwick and Hotel Pierre. During these years he prepared special delicacies for many famous personalities, including Thomas Edison and Henry Ford.

When World War II erupted, he did his share by cooking for the thousands of employees at the giant Wright Aircraft Corp. plant in Woodridge, N. J. At the war's end, he worked for a time as chef at the Waldorf Hotel before coming to Harkness Pavilion.

Now that he's retired, Mr. Ribi plans "to do nothing for at least a year." Well, not really nothing, because he and his wife soon will fly to Switzerland for an extended visit.



CHEF JEAN RIBI

## CHILD'S PLAY

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and some of them are frightened.

The various recreational activities she provides take their minds off their problems and soothe them. It's pretty difficult for a child to be unhappy when, for instance, he's building a paddleboat he soon will have a chance to sail.

Moreover, childhood is a time of learning, even for a hospitalized youngster. Not only must he be made well, he must also be taught new things. Learning how to make a toy truck or how to get along better with other children and adults are steps in the right direction.

All children who are well enough to leave their beds spend a couple of hours twice a day on the Babies Hospital recreation floor. In the morning those of school age attend classes in P.S.-401X, the classroom maintained by the City at the Hospital, while younger children play together, listen to stories, sing, watch puppet shows, and otherwise enjoy themselves.

The afternoon is time to learn crafts. The youngsters make things, as the boys and girls introduced at the beginning of this article were doing.

In addition to stuffed toys, airplanes, wooden cabins and paper masks, they also create such popular items as braided plastic keychains, jewelry, piggybanks, tile-decorated jewel-boxes, baseball caps, and wooden jeeps and fire engines.

"One little boy made a cage for his salamander named Charlie," Miss Vickers said. "He was extremely proud when he carried it home, as all our little patients are of the things they make here. They are especially pleased with gifts they create with their own hands for their parents or brothers and sisters."

## John A. Hill Is New Trustee

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Canada, Ltd., Texas Gulf Sulphur Co., Marine Midland Corp., Marine Midland Trust Company, and Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc.

He is a member of the New York and Massachusetts Bar Associations, the Council on Foreign Relations, Inc., Phi Delta Phi and Phi Kappa Psi.

Born May 6, 1904 in Washington, D. C., he was graduated from Amherst

College, 1925, and Columbia Law School, 1928. He was a lawyer with the firm of Shearman, Sterling & Wright from 1928 until 1939, when he went with Air Reduction Company.

He became director of Air Reduction in 1947, president the next year.

Mr. Hill, a member of the Presbyterian Hospital Corporation since Nov. 26, 1951, makes his home in Armonk, N. Y.



Miss Vickers exhibits ■ well made of tongue depressors. Displayed behind her are some of the many items she teaches children to make.

"Children are imitative and they love to make things. They can, too, if you show them how," she continued. "In all our crafts we make use of bright, cheerful materials and we try to stick to simple items that children can make easily and quickly. We have to remember that these youngsters are sick and it is hard for them to concentrate over long periods of time."

Many of the patients Miss Vickers and her staff work with have handicaps of various kinds. Some are blind or deaf, some have poor muscle coordination, others have an arm in a cast or are confined to a wheelchair.

"With these youngsters we have to work a bit harder, but we normally can find something they can do," she explained.

### BOYS WILL BE BOYS

"Once we had a boy with us who was a hemophiliac and healed badly. Naturally, he wanted to make a plane in the workshop. He did, too. We had to watch him extremely carefully, but you just can't wrap a little boy in cotton batting."

"For many children, their stay with us offers them their first opportunity to handle tools safely. We show them how to use simple tools to make such simple items as boats, trucks and birdhouses. They find you can do quite a lot with a saw and hammer."

As is the case with many persons who are happy in their work, Miss Vickers found her occupational niche after trying a variety of jobs. In each of these, however, she gained experience that is helpful to her now.

A graduate of Teachers College of Columbia University, where she was an art student, she studied for a time under noted theatrical stage designers Robert Edmond Jones and Norman Bel Geddes.

Before she became disillusioned with show business, she designed stage sets for a new play that had

its pre-Broadway trial in Newark. It folded before reaching the Great White Way. An opera that she worked for next fared no better.

"About this time I decided that a change of scene might help, so I went to London to design sets for a play called 'Fire,'" she said. That show burned itself out in about 10 performances.

"When I watched a carpenter sawing up a stage set I had designed, one of my favorite art creations, I made up my mind to seek a medium that is a little more permanent," she said.

Thus resolved, Miss Vickers became an art instructor. She taught at St. Margaret's School, Waterbury, Conn., for six years, then in a private school in New York City before coming to Babies Hospital in May, 1955.

Miss Vickers said she was born in Kentucky, but quickly added: "They don't recognize me down there though. I left when I was a month old and my home ever since has been in Grandview, New York, on the west bank of the Hudson."

### AN ARTISTIC FAMILY

She feels she may have received much of her artistic interest from her father, the late S. J. Vickers, whom she described as having been "an artist for fun, an architect for funds." He was the man who designed many of the subway stations in New York City for both the Interborough and Independent lines; he also created the tile murals found in several of the stations.

How does Miss Vickers feel about her work with sick children?

"I think I'm very fortunate to have the opportunity," she said. "It's a job I believe is well worth doing. I just wish I had as many arms as an octopus; there is much more I want to do."





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Dr. Sadek Hilal, seated, discusses an enlarged section of artery visible on x-ray scanner with his research assistant Robert W. Johnson.

## NEW DEVICE MAY REVEAL WHO IS PRONE TO STROKE

Can doctors predict who might suffer a stroke or heart attack and prescribe preventive therapy? Not yet.

But a new device in the Department of Radiology at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center is making possible important strides in that direction. This highly complex apparatus, the "Hilal Dual Densitometer," enables medical scientists for the first time to measure precisely the volume of blood flowing through arteries and veins in any part of a human organ. Consequently, it will enable them to determine where and why blood, which carries life-giving nourishment throughout the body, is not circulating normally.

The term "stroke" is commonly used to describe the disorder which occurs when the blood supply is suddenly cut off from part of the brain. The main cause of this is gradual accumulation of fatty substances on the inside wall of the artery until the passageway through the artery closes.

### "HEART ATTACK"

A "heart attack" is a similar crisis occurring when one of the coronary arteries which transports blood into the heart muscle ceases to perform that function. The principal cause, again,

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## P&S Graduates 109 New M.D.'s; 12 Take Awards

The College of Physicians and Surgeons awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine to 109 members of the Class of 1964 during ceremonies June 2 in the garden here.

Graduates receiving prize awards during the exercises were:

Dr. Joseph G. McCarthy, the Joseph Garrison Parker Award;

Dr. Eugene S. Mayer, Alumni Association Senior Student Award;

Dr. A. Lawrence Cervino, the Walter Winchester Prize;

Drs. Willard E. Andrews, Patricia K. Donahoe and William G. Friend, Borden Undergraduate Research Awards;

Dr. Neil Decter, the William P. Watson Prize in Pediatrics;

Dr. Matthew M. Rechler, the Helen M. Sciarra Prize in Neurology;

Drs. Paul D. Berk, John B. Mulliken and Ronald Schreiber, Merck Manual Awards—10th Edition.

During the brief ceremonies here, the names of the M.D. candidates were announced by Dr. George A. Perera, Associate Dean for Medicine, and the diplomas were awarded by Dr. H. Houston Merritt,

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### SPIRITS THAT WOULDN'T BE DAMPENED

Even the sudden cloudburst couldn't depress members of the graduating class of nurses. It was their day, as these exuberant expressions reveal.

## Deluge Fails to Dampen Spirit Of Largest Nursing Class Ever

### 149 Nurses Graduate In Indoor Ceremony, The First Since 1950

Forced indoors by an unexpected downpour, 149 senior student nurses were graduated June 3 in Maxwell Hall before a crowd of well-wishers who packed Sturges Auditorium and overflowed into the lobby.

It was the largest graduating class in the history of the nursing school and the first to receive nursing pins and certificates indoors since 1950, when a day-long drizzle made it necessary for graduation exercises to be held in the 22nd Regiment Armory on 168th Street. The Armory was not available this year.

Although Graduation Day 1964 began with sunshine and promises of beautiful weather, dark clouds began rolling in shortly after 1 p.m. A severe thunderstorm, accompanied by heavy rain, broke about 90 minutes later and washed away all hopes for a garden ceremony.

### SENIORS SMILED

Despite the disappointing weather, the graduates refused to have their spirits dampened. They smiled as they marched in procession into the crowded auditorium, smiled even brighter

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## Sorry, Wrong Forecast

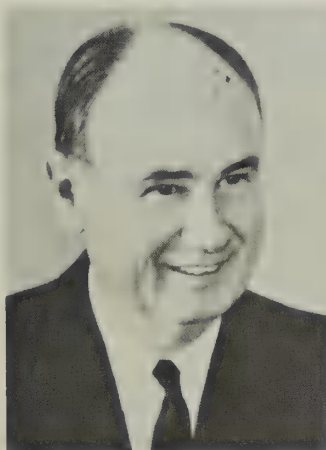
To illustrate how unexpected was the deluge that prevented holding nursing graduation exercises in the Medical Center garden, Dr. Yale Kneeland Jr. told this story during his address to the senior students.

"I wanted to know whether I'd be delivering this talk outside or inside," he told the huge assembly, "so about 2:30 p.m. I dialed the telephone service which supposedly provides the latest weather information."

"Rivulets of rain were

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## 2 Leading Industrialists Are New Trustees



THOMAS C. FOGARTY

Two nationally prominent industrial executives have been elected Trustees of The Presbyterian Hospital, it is announced by Augustus C. Long, President of the hospital board.

They are Frederic G. Donner, chairman of the board of General Motors Corp., and Thomas C. Fogarty, chairman of the board of Continental Can Company.

Mr. Donner, who received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University

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FREDERIC G. DONNER



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## STETHOSCOPIA

### ● CUPID'S BEEN BUSY

Karen K. Killinger, Sloane Evening Head Nurse, will become the bride of Dr. Barry G. Wood, P&S '64, on June 13. Malcolm Sandford Graham, DOS, will marry Miss Linda Jean Christensen of Bronxville in December. Patricia Ann Fruit, Medical Information, will marry Mr. Walter T. Arnolds on June 27. Elizabeth Barrett, Infant Care Technician, Sloane Nursery, married Michael Seckendorf recently. Anne Hogan, nurse in Harkness, married James O'Reilly; Harry Durand, son of Mrs. Estelle Durand, secretary in Operation and Maintenance, married Miss Lexy Harvey on May 22; James Kiernan, Accounting, married Miss Kathleen Feehan; Jean Smith, floor clerk, IOPH, married Mr. Albert Hayes; Mary Elizabeth Propst, daughter of Mrs. Mary Propst, Blood Bank, married Daniel Atanacio of Brooklyn, N. Y.

### ● SO HAS THE STORK!

Dr. Donald C. Bell and his wife Dr. Robinette N. Bell, Assistant Residents in Psychiatry, have a new baby. Mr. and Mrs. George Minaya, welcomed a daughter, Theresa, making the fourth little Minaya. Father is in the Assistant Treasurer's Department. Mrs. Elaine Rex, Clinic Administration, welcomed her third grandchild, and Mrs. Rose Dauria, clinic receptionist, has another grandchild, too.

### ● OF VACATIONS AND GREEN GIANTS

Mary McCabe, Credit Department, and Gloria Lopez, IBM Unit, took a cruise to Nassau. Gloria had a wonderful time but Mary—well Mal de Mer (or the old green giant) just about did her in. Helen Burke, Patients' Accounts, recently returned from a tour of Europe. She visited ten countries during the 4 week trek. Mrs. Frances Moya, Medical Information, enjoyed a vacation in Puerto Rico; Helen Keane, Communications Center, is vacationing in California, and Mary Smith and Helen Hannon in the Record Department, are vacationing in Florida.

### ● HELLO THERE!

We welcome newcomers Dorothy Bardusch to Patients' Accounts Night Force; Elsie Crowley and Louise Rodriguez, to Statistical Unit; Philip Raville, Chief Accountant, and Mary Grimes, Ethel Meehan and Sharon Daly to General Accounting; Elizabeth Ryan to Secretarial Unit, Accounting; Walter Liscombe, Evening Superintendent, and Mrs. Evelyn Givens and Joaquin Betancourt, Operators, to Communications Center.

### ● AT MARY HARKNESS

A tour and luncheon was enjoyed by G. R. Masten, Daniel Stevens, Thomas Mangelsdorff, Admitting Office, and the Misses Blackman, Wagstaff and Kujula, of Social Service, during a recent visit. Win Johnson, retired Superintendent of Grounds, made his annual trip to New York to attend the Twenty-five Year Club dinner. Rev. Dr. Edward Campbell, Chaplain for the past three years, was feted at a luncheon prior to his leaving for a new assignment.

### ● CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathy to Ruth B. Griffiths, Supervisor in Vanderbilt Clinic; on the death of her mother, and to Mrs. Elsie Sisson, Clinic Receptionist, on the death of her husband.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

Seven Medical Center doctors will present papers at the Eighty Ninth Annual Meeting of The American Neurological Association in Atlantic City, June 15-17.

They are Drs. Robert A. Fishman, Associate Attending Neurologist; Lewis P. Rowland, Associate Attending Neurologist; Fred A. Mettler, Professor of Anatomy; William F. Caveness, Associate Attending Neurologist; Leon Roizin, Associate Professor of Neuro-pathology; Daniel Sciarra, Attending Neurologist, and J. Lawrence Pool, Director of Neurosurgery.

Dr. Melvin D. Yahr, Attending Neurologist, is Secretary-Treasurer of ANA.

Dr. Roger MacKinnon, Assistant Attending Psychiatrist, presented a paper, "Psychodynamics of Acute Psychiatric Emergencies" at the American Psychiatric Association convention in Los Angeles recently. Dr. Donald S. Kornfeld, Assistant Attending Psychiatrist, Vanderbilt Clinic, presented "Psychiatric Service in the General Hospital" at the same meeting.

Dr. David H. Baker, Director of Radiology, Babies Hospital, presented "Cardiovascular Response to Repeated Asphyxia in the Newborn Piglet" at the 12th Annual Meeting of the Association of University Radiologists held recently at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Herman Grossman, Department of Radiology, Babies Hospital, presented "A New Method for Determining Vascular Flow Rates and Cardiac Output" at the same meeting.

Dr. Walter E. Berdon, Assistant Attending Radiologist, Babies Hospital, attended the Pediatric Radiology Meeting in Paris recently and presented his paper "Necrotizing Enterocolitis in the Premature Infant."

Dr. Wilbur H. Sawyer, Associate Professor of Pharmacology, gave a paper "Phyletic Distribution of Neurohypophyseal Peptides" at the XII Colloquium on Protides of the Biological Fluids, Bruges, Belgium, recently.

Dr. M. M. Melicow, Professor Emeritus Urology Research, attended the meeting of the American Urological Association, Pittsburgh, and showed an exhibit on "Induction and Spread of Bladder Neoplasms."

Dr. Melicow has just returned from Japan where he addressed the 52nd Annual Convention of the Japanese Urological Association, where he was given an award. He also addressed the Department of Urology at the Tokyo and Kyoto Universities and received awards at both these places.

Dr. Ira S. Jones, Assistant Attending Ophthalmologist, spoke on Exploratory Orbital Surgery, Orbital Tumor Excision and Complications of Enucleation at the 1964 Ophthalmology Conference at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Dr. Thomas V. Santulli, Attending Surgeon, was Visiting Professor at Mountainside Hospital, Montclair, N. J. where he presented a paper on "Abdominal Pain in Children."

Dr. Elliott F. Osserman, Associate Professor of Medicine and Assistant Attending Physician, was chairman of the Neoplastic Disease session at the recent Atlantic City meeting of a newly-formed inter-society group of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the American Federation for Clinical Research.



Dr. L. Stanley James

Dr. L. Stanley James, Assistant Attending Pediatrician, attended the Geneva meeting of the World Health Organization Specialists' Committee. He was among 3 American doctors present and spoke on "Influence of Labor and Delivery on the Newborn."

Dr. William S. Langford, Director of Children's Psychiatric Services, was a panel member at the meeting on Morality and the Growing Child held recently at the Academy of Religion and Mental Health, New York City, and attended the meetings of the American Psychiatric Association in Los Angeles.

Dr. John A. Sours, Child Psychiatry resident, was awarded the Psychiatric Institute Alumni Association Resident Research Prize for 1964 at the same meeting.

Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr., Director of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Service, has received the Clement Cleveland Award presented by the New York City Cancer Committee of the American Cancer Society, Inc. for his contributions to cancer education.

Dr. Brian F. Hoffman, Professor and Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, presented papers at Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, recently—namely, "Electrophysiology of Specialized Cardiac Tissues" and "Electrophysiological Basis for Disturbances of Rhythm and Conduction."

Dr. Hoffman also presented "Ideas Versus Methods in Cardiovascular Research" at a seminar for Cardiovascular Research Investigators sponsored by the Chicago Heart Association at Loyola University, Chicago.





IT'S A GREAT HONOR

Dr. Catherine McClure, national president of Sigma Theta Tau, presents the charter for the local Columbia University chapter of the national nursing honorary society to Pamela Gordon, while Lynn Pfarrer smiles her approval.

## 87 Are Charter Members Here Of Nursing Honorary Chapter

A total of 87 students, alumnae and faculty members of the School of Nursing have been initiated at the Medical Center as charter members of the new Columbia University chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the national nursing honorary society.

Creation of the local chapter, Alpha Zeta, took place during a ceremony May 18 in Maxwell Hall when Miss Catherine McClure, Ph.D., president of the national society, presented a charter to the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University.

Accepting the charter on behalf of the nursing school were Lynn Pfarrer and Pamela Gordon, co-chairmen of the event. Both are in the Class of '64 and charter members of the local chapter.

### NEW OFFICERS

Selected as president of Alpha Zeta Chapter was Mary P. Masterson, who is also president of the Class of '64. Other officers: Judith Gregorie, '65, first vice president; Susan Greenberg, '64, second vice president; Jane Forrest, '65, secretary, and Adele Merrill, '63, treasurer.

Miss Dorothy Reilly, class of '42, was elected faculty counselor.

Among the students initiated were two enrolled in the school's Master of Science Program, Patricia Boone and Phyllis Leppert, and a 1963 graduate of the program, Carol Cantwell.

Faculty members initiated, besides Miss Reilly, were Elizabeth S. Gill, Helen F. Pettit, Constance C. Dakan, Martha E. Haber, Lorraine Betz, Lydia Bosanko, Gertrude Clawson, Carolyn Dawson, Doreen A. Kolditz, Nora Maliepaard,

Susan Maines and Laura Verdisco.

Following are the new student and alumnae members of the honorary society, listed by classes:

#### CLASS OF 1965

Susan Altman  
Andrea Basta  
Gail Bovingdon  
Virginia Brodersen  
Paula Busek  
Catherine Cyrus  
G. Patricia Deacon  
Jane Forrest  
Gail Geiger  
Judith Gregorie  
Anne Hahn  
Jane Hall  
Judith Holland  
Stephanie Kuhn  
Marlene Martsolf  
Mollie Marrant  
Judith Reidenbaker  
Barbara Rinker  
Mary Rood  
Lynne Sheetz  
Ellen Sternberg  
Susan Wachsberger  
Joann Wessman

#### CLASS OF 1964

Ellen Bakanowsky  
Barbara Baker  
Christine Beltrandi  
Jeannine Boivin  
Penelope Buschmann  
Joy Carroll  
Betty Chin  
Joyce Day  
Pamela Gordon  
Susan Greenberg  
Laura Hagestad  
Patricia Hanna  
Sandra Johanson  
Sheila Kelly  
Linda Kivowitz  
Mary Masterson  
Sandra Metcalf  
Beverly Myers  
Carol Pedersen  
Patricia Pettersson  
Lynn Pfarrer  
Frances Rosen  
Faith Smith  
Robyn Tandy  
Doris Taylor  
Patricia Thomas  
Mary Turner  
Mary Waggoner

## Mrs. W. Cavanagh Nurse, Class of '31 Dies Here at 57

Mrs. Mary Alice (Heasley) Cavanagh, graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in 1931 and wife of Dr. William V. Cavanagh of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Service, died May 24 at Harkness Pavilion. She was 57 years old.

Born in St. Mary's, Pa., she received a bachelor of science degree in 1928 from Elmira College before enrolling in the School of Nursing. After completing her nursing education, she served on the Toxemia Ward of Sloane Hospital until 1932, when she was wed to Dr. Cavanagh, who is presently an Associate Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist at Presbyterian Hospital.

Their daughter, Mary Ann Cavanagh, was graduated in 1958 from the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University. Miss Cavanagh is assistant unit manager, Front Office and Information Services, at Presbyterian Hospital.

Very interested in the Nursing Alumnae Association, Mrs. Cavanagh was chairman of the Alumnae Shops Committee from 1954 through 1956 and was active in various activities for the benefit of student nurse scholarships.

Surviving, besides Dr. Cavanagh and Mary Ann Cavanagh, are two sons, William, 26, and Robert, 22.

Contributions in Mrs. Cavanagh's memory are being made to the Columbia University Student Nurse Scholarship Fund, and are being sent in care of Miss Elizabeth S. Gill.

Carol Wister  
Pauline Wood

#### CLASS OF 1963

Karen Barger  
Elizabeth Bonner  
Mary Danielson  
Adele Merrill  
Gloria Nelson  
Sandra Poole  
Penelope Post  
Jill Steinle  
Barbara Ward  
M. Lee Worster

#### CLASS OF 1962

Anne Crowder  
Jane Davidson  
Marian Demcisak  
Susanna Grueninger  
Nancy Hartley  
Elizabeth Loeb  
Susan Starr  
Sandra Woodward

## NOBEL LAUREATE AMONG 13 RETIRING DOCTORS

Thirteen doctors, including a co-winner of the 1956 Nobel Prize for Medicine, will retire from the Medical Center professional staff on July 1.



DR. ANDRE COURNAND

Dr. Cournand, retiring Professor of Medicine, shared Nobel laurels in 1956 with Dr. Dickinson W. Richards for their work on the physiology of the heart and lung. He has been designated Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Special Lecturer.

After receiving his doctorate in medicine from Faculte de Medecine de Paris in 1930, Dr. Cournand came to this country as a resident on the Tuberculosis (later Chest) Service of the Columbia University Division at Bellevue Hospital. He has held teaching positions at the College of Physicians and Surgeons since 1935. He is director at Columbia's Cardiopulmonary Laboratory on Bellevue, where he has helped train numerous clinical investigators from the United States and many foreign countries.

Foreign recognition of his scientific and teaching skills has gained him honorary degrees from the universities of Birmingham, Brussels, Lyon, Pisa and Strasbourg. He holds the Andreas Retzius Silver Medal of the Swedish Society of Internal Medicine; the Gold Medal of the Royal Academy of Medicine, Brussels; the John Phillips Memorial Award of the American College of Physicians; the Lasker Award of the USPHA, and the Academy Medal of the New York Academy of Medicine.

### DR. DAVID SEEHAL

Dr. Seegal, regarded as one of the most popular and able teachers at P&S, as well as a very skilled physician, began his association with units of the Medical Center 36 years ago as

an intern at Presbyterian Hospital. He has been designated as Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Special Lecturer at P&S and as Consultant in Medicine at Presbyterian Hospital.



Dr. David Seegal

A 1928 graduate of Harvard Medical School, Dr. Seegal stayed on at Presbyterian as a resident in Medicine after he completed his internship. In 1936 he was appointed director of Columbia's Research Service at Goldwater Memorial Hospital on Welfare Island. Largely because of Dr. Seegal's reputation as a teacher, more than 500 P&S medical students have elected to spend two or more months on the wards of the Service since its opening. Since 1955 he has been associate editor of the Journal of Chronic Diseases.

### DR. FRITZ J. CRAMER

Dr. Cramer, whose affiliation with Neurological Institute dates back to 1927 when he began a two-year internship there in neurology and neurosurgery, has been designated a Consultant in Neurological Surgery at Presbyterian Hospital. He received a B.A. from Pomona College in 1922 and his M.D. four years later from Cornell. He was Clinical Professor of Neurological Surgery and Attending Neurological Surgeon.

### DR. LEONIDAS A. LANTZOUNIS

Dr. Lantzounis, retiring as Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Attending Orthopedic Surgeon, received his M.D. from the National University in Greece in 1921. Associated with the New York Orthopaedic Dispensary and Hospital for almost four decades, he served his surgical internship with the hospital, 1925-27, and his surgical residency, 1927-32.

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## After Spectacular Navy, Business Career, He's Finally Got What He Wanted - An M.D.

Howard J. Barnum Jr. has affixed an M.D. to his name at the age of 42.

He would have become a doctor much sooner, but he took time out along the way to win a dozen medals during World War II, then to climb to the top administrative rung in a large food corporation. That held him up a little.

He ended a spectacular business career four years ago by retiring at age 37. On June 3, Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons awarded him his coveted M.D. degree. Now he can be what he wanted to be in the first place, a pediatrician.

Since he was a child, his big ambition has been to be a doctor, Jim Barnum said. But things kept intervening.

Like World War II, for instance. Four years of Navy service won him a dozen medals and citations for combat bravery and got an island bay in the Pacific named for him.

And business. Right after the war, he left the Navy and stepped into the business world, because his family needed an income, not a medical degree.

Jim became a good provider. He developed the first technique for mass-producing and packaging orange juice that babies could digest, then built a million dollar business around it. A decade later he was executive vice president of a large food company and director of half a dozen corporations.

When Jim Barnum was growing up in Lakeland, Florida, his ambition was to emulate his family doctor and seek a career in medicine. Medical school was still foremost in his thoughts as he worked his way through Florida Southern College, graduating in 1942 with two bachelor's degrees, one in arts, another in science (chemistry).

Then the Navy stepped in, removed his college mortarboard and slapped an officer's cap on his head. By the time the Navy released him as a lieutenant commander four years later, he was a veteran of some of the toughest battles of the war in the Pacific and was

entitled to wear the Navy Cross, the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars and a pair of Purple Hearts. He was also too fed up with military regimentation to seek out the discipline of academic life right away.

So he put his energies and talents to work in the arena of big business. His rise was so phenomenal that within 11 years after he left the service he was executive vice president and part owner of the company now known as Salada Foods, Ltd., a large food corporation with headquarters in Boston and Toronto.

With his family financially secure, he felt he could afford the six to eight

years it takes a man to learn medicine before he can start making a living as a doctor. In 1959 he slipped almost unnoticed out of the business world and entered P&S.

His record as medical student was almost as impressive as the one he compiled as a business executive. During the first year, his fellow P&S students elected him class president—and his alma mater, Florida Southern College, named him Alumnus of the Year. During his second year he refused an offer to become president of a large American drug company. He wanted to be a doctor—and now he is.

Dr. Jim Barnum, who begins his internship at Greenwich, Conn. Hospital, is going to be a pediatrician, because he believes there is so much opportunity in that specialty for preventive medicine. "And as a pediatrician, you're near the flavor of the old-time general practitioner."

Dr. Barnum was asked to draw a comparison between business and medicine.

"Business was a game to me, and sort of fun," he replied.

"Medicine has more purpose. It also happens to be fun, but it's certainly not a game. It's a mighty responsibility. There's much more than a dollar at stake."



HOWARD J. BARNUM, JR., M.D.

## "Much More Than A Dollar At Stake"

## IT WASN'T EASY, BUT MOTHER OF 3 EARNS NURSE DEGREE

When Mrs. Jane Corson Dustin proudly accepted her nursing pin, certificate and bachelor of science diploma on June 3, she fulfilled a vow she made six years ago when she left the School of Nursing here to marry.

Leading the applause for Mrs. Dustin on her graduation day was a small but enthusiastic private cheering section: her husband, Damon, and her three children, 5-year-old twins Mathew and Steven and 3-year-old daughter Elisabeth.

"This is a very happy day for me. I've been looking forward to this moment for a long time," she said after the graduation ceremonies were over.

It was a happy day she had earned with a lot of hard work and the help and encouragement of a very understanding husband.

Mrs. Dustin, 28 on June 5, had completed two years in the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University before she withdrew in 1958 to marry her college sweetheart, Damon J. Dustin. He had just graduated from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, where Mrs. Dustin was a student for two years before transferring to Columbia.

### SOON THERE WERE 5

After the wedding, the couple made their home in Massachusetts, where Mr. Dustin was employed by the Boston Old Colony Insurance Co. Soon the Dustins were five. Twin sons were born April 10, 1959, and a daughter made her debut Jan. 20, 1961.

"When I left nursing school, I promised myself that I would return some day and finish what I had started," Mrs. Dustin explained. "About 19 months ago, my husband was transferred by his company to their Philadelphia office as a regional claims examiner. We were living much closer to New York and the baby was getting old enough to attend a nursery school. My thoughts of going back to school grew stronger."

Urged on by her husband, Mrs. Dustin sought advice from Miss Elizabeth S. Gill, Associate Dean (Nursing) on how to complete her nursing studies.

"Miss Gill was very encouraging and helpful, as was everyone else connected with the School of Nursing. She even arranged a full

tuition scholarship for me," Mrs. Dustin said.

She took up her nursing studies again May 29, 1963. Being a full-time student isn't easy for a mother of three small children—nor for her husband.

Each week Mrs. Dustin commuted to New York from her home in Southampton, Pa., near Philadelphia. On the days when she had no classes or other school duties, she was busy at home with the chores of a housewife. She did the washing, ironing and cleaning, cooked and stored in the freezer enough food for the next week, baked cookies and a pie or cake so her family would have dessert.

### CAPE COD VACATION

While his wife was in school, Mr. Dustin arose on weekdays at 6 a.m., got himself ready for work, prepared breakfast and fed the three youngsters, dressed them, brought them to a nursery school, and rushed to catch his train. At night it was almost the same procedure, in reverse.

"Having Jane complete her nursing education was what I wanted," he said. "I'm glad that I could help and I'm very proud of her."

With their goal achieved, the Dustins are going to enjoy a well deserved rest next month by taking a camping vacation on Cape Cod. And in the fall, Mrs. Dustin will put her education to good use by working part time as a nurse.

Private cheering section surrounds a happy Mrs. Jane Corson Dustin on her graduation day.



DOUBLE REASON TO SMILE — Mrs. Alyce (Brolin) Nank, left, and Mildred Wurth celebrated 23rd birthdays on their graduation day.







# NURSING GRADUATION 1964

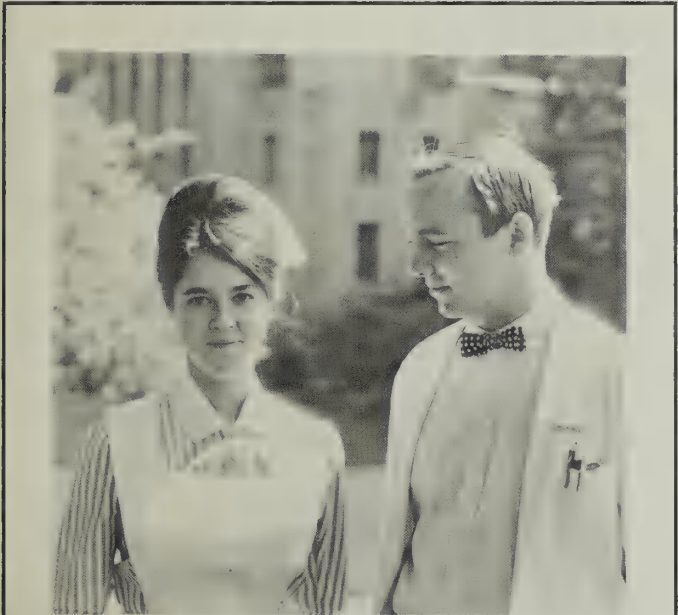
THE ONLY  
SUNSHINE  
WAS IN  
THEIR  
SMILES

Graduates lift diplomas high  
in traditional salute to Miss  
Elizabeth S. Gill, Associate  
Dean of Nursing.



## WON'T IT EVER STOP?

It didn't seem so to Protective officers Bill Trainor, left, and Fred Ackerman as they scanned the skies in vain for a break in the clouds.



## THEY'RE GOING TO AFRICA

Mrs. Annabelle (Gibson) Rose, Class of '64, discusses proposed January trip to an African hospital with her husband, Stuart Rose, a senior at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.



Dr. H. Houston Merritt, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, presented diplomas for the degree of bachelor of science in nursing to the 149 members of the graduating class.

## SHE HAS HIS VOTE

N. Y. State Senator George R. Metcalf (R-Auburn) embraces his favorite candidate for nursing degree, daughter Sandra.



A view of the rostrum and those who participated in the 70th graduation exercises of the School of Nursing.





## 13 MEDICAL CENTER DOCTORS RETIRE



**DR. HARRY S. ALTMAN**

Dr. Altman, Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Attending Pediatrician, became affiliated with Babies Hospital and was appointed to the attending staff in 1933, the same year he joined the faculty of P&S. Always interested primarily in "general pediatrics rather than in any sub-specialty of the field," he intends to continue in private practice in Manhattan.

A former chairman of the Pediatrics Section of the New York Academy of Medicine and the Bronx Pediatrics Society, and one-time New York State chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Section III), he has served on Mayor Wagner's Advisory Council on Health and Hospitals, was on the Emergency Maternity and Infant Care Program Committee in the city during World War II, and for a number of years has been on the Pediatric Advisory Council to the New York Commissioner of Health.



**DR. HOWARD D. H. BROWN**

Dr. Brown, Associate in Ophthalmology and Associate Attending Ophthalmologist, joined the staff of the Eye Institute in 1929, the same year he became associated in practice with the late Dr. John M. Wheeler.

A native of Alton, Kansas, he received an A.B. from the University of Kansas in 1919, after having interrupted his education to serve as an infantry second lieutenant during World War I. In college he

majoring in bacteriology and serology, receiving honorary membership in the Society of American Bacteriologists for special work on antigens. Harvard Medical School presented him an M.D. in 1923.

He intends to continue in private practice in New York City and, perhaps, to find more time for his hobbies (gardening, music and stamp collecting) and his fraternal organizations (he's a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner).

**DR. JOSEPH MOLDAVER**

Associate Clinical Professor of Neurology and Associate Attending Neurologist, Dr. Moldaver was engaged in neurophysiological research in Europe before he came to Neurological Institute in October, 1940. Born in Brussels,



Belgium, he received his M.D. from the University of Brussels in 1925 and trained in neurology in that city and in Paris.

While practicing at Brussels Neurological Center, he published several works in neurophysiology, including a thesis entitled "The Study of Reflex Control of Movement." The University of Brussels awarded him a Ph.D. in 1936. He then became Agrégé of the University's Medical School, a special title making him a permanent member of the Medical Faculty of Brussels, a membership he still retains.

In 1951 he received the title of Knight of the Order of Leopold, the highest order of Knighthood in Belgium, and this year was named Officer of the Order of the Crown by Royal Decree of King Baudouin I of Belgium.

Dr. Moldaver will continue his private practice at Neurological Institute.

**DR. FRANCIS F. HARRISON**

Dr. Harrison, retiring as Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine (at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital), has been on the faculty of P&S since 1949. He is a P&S



graduate (M.D., 1925) and served his internship at Presbyterian Hospital (1925-27). Dr. Harrison served in both World Wars, as a corporal with the 135th Field Artillery, 37th Division, A.E.F., in 1918-19, and as Chief of Medical Service with the 33rd General Hospital in Africa and Italy, 1942-45.

**DR. IRVING B. GOLDMAN**

Associate Clinical Professor of Otolaryngology at P&S since 1954, Dr. Goldman is Chief of the Rhinoplastic Clinic at Mount Sinai Hospital. He is editor of the Plastic Surgery, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Monthly.

**DR. HENRY S. SIMMS (Ph.D.)**

Medical researcher Dr. Henry Simms, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, received his Ph.D. from Columbia in 1922 and has been on the faculty of P&S since 1932. A former chairman of the American Society for the Study of Arteriosclerosis and of the Gerontology Study Section and Advisory Council, Na-



tional Institutes of Health, Dr. Simms has written numerous papers on longevity and aging and on the role of lipofanogens and antilipofanogen in atherosclerosis.

**DR. AILDRED A. MacDONALD**

Dr. MacDonald, Assistant in Pediatrics and Assistant Attending Pediatrician, received his M.D. from McGill University, Montreal, Canada, in 1924. He has been associated with Babies Hospital for 36 years, beginning in 1928 when he began his internship there in pediatrics.

## Dr. Fish Presides At Annual Session

Dr. George Winthrop Fish, professor emeritus of Urology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and consultant in urology at Presbyterian Hospital, presided at the 75th annual meeting of the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons May 6-8 at Westchester Country Club, Rye, N. Y.

Membership in the association, the oldest group in the specialty of genito-urinary surgery, is limited to leading specialists across the United States. Currently there are 94 active members and fellows on the roster, plus 23 foreign physicians and surgeons who have been elected as corresponding members.

Dr. Fish received another honor on May 25 when he was appointed chairman of the board of trustees of the 7,000-member New York County Medical Society, during the society's 158th annual meeting.

## In Memoriam

**KATHRYN TERRIBERRY**

Miss Kathryn Terriberry, a battlefield nurse in World War I and the first nurse radiotherapy technician at Presbyterian Hospital, died recently at her home in Schooley's Mountain, N. J. She was 71.

A graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in 1915, Miss Terriberry was one of the first nurse-technicians in the field of radiation therapy. She began in this specialty soon after her graduation and continued until she was retired from the hospital in 1957.

During World War I, she went overseas in October 1917 with the second contingent of Presbyterian Hospital nurses, who staffed U. S. Base Hospital No. 2 at Etretat, France.

**DR. RAUL PIETRI**

Associate in Neurology and Assistant Attending Neurologist, Dr. Pietri is retiring after 29 years of service to the Medical Center.

**DR. JULIAN M. FRESTON**

Dr. Freston, Chief of the 1st Medical Division at Roosevelt Hospital, has been on the faculty of P&S since 1926. From 1928 until 1931 he served as an assistant surgeon in Urology at Presbyterian Hospital under Dr. J. Bentley Squier.

## COOL IT... BUT SAFELY

Spring has sprung, fall has fell, summer has come and it's hot as the dickens! That's why fans are evident everywhere in the Medical Center — which has induced the Hospital Safety Committee to offer suggestions concerning the use of fans.

First, only hospital fans should be used — not personally owned ones. Fans owned by the hospital are checked periodically to insure against electrical defects and to make certain the blades are properly guarded.

Second, all except floor model rotating fans should be mounted on wall brackets. They should not be placed on desks or tables, the committee cautions.

The maintenance department is responsible for mounting fans.

## 3 Employees Retire After Long Service

**DOROTHY W. HART**

After a 44-year career as a nurse, including long years of service to the old New York Orthopaedic Hospital and the Eye Institute, Miss Dorothy W. Hart has retired and returned to California.

**ELIZABETH BARCLAY**

Elizabeth M. Barclay, one of the first nursing aides at the old Presbyterian Hospital, has retired after more than 37 years of service.

When Presbyterian Hospital moved into its new facilities here at the Medical Center in 1928, Miss Barclay came along too. She began as an aide on the west wing of the 14th floor and remained there until her retirement.

**MRS. MARGARET BLAKE**

Sewing, gardening, reading and traveling are going to take up most of her time from now on, said Mrs. Margaret Blake, who retired May 25 after being employed at the Medical Center for 26 years.

Floor clerk on the 12th floor of Presbyterian Hospital for many years, Mrs. Blake began her employment here in 1938 as a maid in Neurological Institute, then for 12 years worked in the sewing room of the laundry.



## NEW DEVICE MAY REVEAL WHO IS PRONE TO STROKES



Dr. Hilal and researcher Robert W. Johnson working with the Hilal Dual Densitometer. Unit at right is the computer which analyzes data in 20 to 50 minutes which would require several months if done manually.

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is accumulation of fatty substances on the inside wall of the artery until it blocks the passageway.

If doctors can study x-rays of the brain and heart and ascertain that the blood flow in certain vessels is abnormally slow, they will know that some partial obstruction, probably narrowing of the passageway, is creating a condition which might result in a stroke or heart attack. Consequently, therapeutic measures, either medical or surgical, can be taken to minimize or prevent such an eventuality.

It is impossible, on regular x-ray films, to see obstructions in blood vessels in certain areas of a human organ. However, the combination of a harmless, radio-opaque dye, a scanning device and an electronic computer in the new dual densitometer provides precise quantitative measurements of blood flow through vessels in any part of an organ. Furthermore, areas as small as one-eighth inch in diameter may be evaluated by this method.

### INITIAL STUDIES

The initial studies now being performed with this apparatus are on head x-rays of patients who have suffered minor strokes. X-rays are taken before and after injection of the radio-opaque dye. One of each such films is placed on the densitometer and the image transmitted to what looks like a green television screen with hundreds of thin horizontal lines. Photoelectric tubes pick up the images and transmit electrically to the computer the density of the dye in the blood vessels.

The greater the density of dye in any part of a blood

vessel, the slower blood is travelling through that vessel and vice-versa.

The computer has been programmed to analyze this data and transfer it quantitatively to a chart. Thus, the chart indicates the rate of blood flow through whatever region of the organ is being studied.

### TWO YEARS' WORK

Dr. Hilal, who spent the last two years developing the new apparatus with the help of National Spectrographic Laboratories, explained that studies of patients who have suffered minor strokes indicate the degree and location of impaired blood circulation. This information will be particularly valuable to the doctor in those cases where major neurosurgical procedures appear advisable.

In many cases of stroke, x-ray films reveal obstructions in major vessels which can be relieved through surgery. Unfortunately, in some cases the operation does not provide the anticipated relief because impaired blood flow exists in other regions of the brain, although it is not visible to the eye on x-ray. Such abnormalities are revealed through the densitometer, and provide the doctor with more information on which to base management of the patient for the best ultimate results.

### SET UP NORMALS

Other important research is being done with the densitometer on head x-rays of healthy persons. Investigators are working toward establishment of normal standards of regional blood flow in the head. From these norms, it will be possible in future studies of head x-rays to evaluate whether a person's blood

## She Seeks Success In Summer Stock

Her mother wished her to prepare herself for a "secure position" in life, so she studied and became a nurse. But Irish-born Mary Elizabeth O'Mahony has the theater in her blood. She wants to be an actress, a good actress.

A staff nurse on the orthopedic floor of Presbyterian Hospital since last July (and a very good nurse, according to her superiors), Mary O'Mahony resigned from this position June 5 to give her dream a chance to come true.

She is headed for Estes Park, Colo., where she will appear in summer stock with an acting group called the Gaslight Players.

Twenty-four year old Mary O'Mahony, a slender brunette with warm brown eyes, came by her theatrical ambitions as naturally as she acquired her delightful Irish accent.

She was born into a theatrical family in Dublin, the artistic and theatrical center of Ireland, where the drama is a part of the national way of life.

Her father, the late Jim O'Mahony, her aunt, Nora O'Mahony, and her grandmother, Elizabeth Potter, were actors before her, all members of Dublin's famed Abbey Players.

### CUED FATHER

"From as early in my childhood as I can remember, I watched my father and aunt acting on the stage of the Abbey Theatre," Mary said. "Whenever my father was studying for a new role, I used to cue him in on his lines. In this way, almost through osmosis, I acquired a love for the theater."

Despite her home atmos-

circulation is normal or slow enough to suggest he is susceptible to a stroke. The next step is to apply available therapeutic measures to minimize or eliminate the possibility of the stroke occurring, either through medication or surgery.

Similar norms are being established for regional blood flow in other organs, including the heart. Hopefully, the same application of the densitometer can be made to the coronary arteries, for example, in order to minimize or prevent the possibility of heart attacks.

phere and the example of her aunt, father and grandmother, Mary did no acting in Ireland, except for school plays. Her mother, a practical woman who is an instructor of home economics at St. Mary's College of Domestic Science, Dublin, helped influence her decision not to act at that time.

"Although she loves the theater, my mother cautioned me that few of the many persons who aspire to a stage career ever achieve great success and that periodic unemployment is a hazard of the profession.

"She encouraged me to seek a more secure position and so I entered the London Hospital in England to study nursing," Mary related.

### HERE FOR A YEAR

Soon after she graduated, Mary went to Canada and worked there for 18 months in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. She joined the nursing staff of Presbyterian Hospital in July, 1963.

Here in Manhattan her theatrical ambitions returned with greater insistence. In November of last year she enrolled in the American Academy of Dramatic Art, the New York school that includes among its alumni such noted stage names as Hume Cronyn, Helen Hayes, Grace Kelly and Kirk Douglas.

It was through her connections at the Academy that she received her opportunity with the Gaslight Players, who will present four dramas and musicals during the summer: *My Fair Lady*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Streets of New York*, and an original musical comedy.



Our Fair Lady, Mary O'Mahony of the Gaslight Players.

## Sunny Smiles

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as they received the diploma, nursing pin and certificate they had worked and studied so long for.

Presenting Columbia University diplomas for the degree of bachelor of science in nursing was Dr. H. Houston Merritt, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

Mrs. Frederic F. deRham, a trustee of the Hospital, assisted by Miss Elizabeth S. Gill, Director of Nursing and Associate Dean (Nursing), presented nursing pins and certificates to the graduates.

Dr. Yale Kneeland, Jr., Professor of Medicine and Attending Physician, delivered the graduation address. Hospital chaplains participating were The Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Jr., Rabbi Marvin J. Goldfine, and the Rev. John K. Hawes.

Presiding during the exercises was Frederick A. O. Schwarz, Vice President of the Hospital's Board of Trustees. Mr. Schwarz congratulated the graduates and urged them to "further the worthy traditions of those who have gone before you."

The profession of nursing, he told them, "is a calling that demands dedicated service, but one which richly rewards those who serve selflessly with the precious currency of personal satisfaction."

## New Trustees

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of Michigan in 1923, joined General Motors in 1926.

He rose to Vice President in 1941, Executive Vice President and Chairman of the financial policy committee in 1956, and in 1958 was elected Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Donner is also Director of General Motors Acceptance Corp. He is a resident of Sands Point, L. I.

Mr. Fogarty, a Manhattan resident, received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Harvard in 1922 and is an alumnus of Harvard Business School.

He was appointed Vice President in charge of sales of the Continental Can Company in 1946, rose to Executive Vice President in 1950, President in 1956 and was named Chairman of the Board last year. He is a Director of American Sugar Refining Co., Irving Trust Company, A. O. Smith Company, and Bond Crown & Cork Company.



## Mrs. Mary B. Jennings Succumbs; Long Active In Babies Hospital

Mrs. Mary Brewster Jennings, who died at the age of 93 in her Park Avenue, Manhattan home on May 6, had been associated with The Babies Hospital for 68 years, the longest term of service by any individual in the Hospital's 76-year history.

The widow of Oliver Gould Jennings, one-time president of the Babies Board of Directors, Mrs. Jennings began her affiliation with the Hospital in 1896 as a member of the Board of Women Managers and the Cribside Committee. The institution was only eight years old at the time.

### PILGRIM DESCENT

A member of one of America's oldest families (Elder William Brewster of Mayflower fame was among her ancestors), Mrs. Jennings was outstanding in her loyalty and generosity to Babies Hospital over the years.

From 1898 to 1911, she was a vice president of the Board of Women Managers and served as the organization's president for eight years from 1912 through 1920. She was on the board's executive committee for 35 years consecutively and, at the time of her death, was an honorary board member.

When the old hospital erected a new building in 1901, she and her husband were among the largest contributors and she gave more money to help the institution purchase an adjacent building for its expanding needs in 1905.

Whenever a need arose in the hospital, she saw to it that it was taken care of. In 1913 she gave the hospi-

tal a new ice box; nine years later it was a new chemistry laboratory. The entire seventh floor of the present hospital was paid for by Mrs. Jennings with a \$140,000 gift in memory of her mother, Elmina Dows Brewster.

In 1898 she gave \$5,000 to endow in perpetuity The Brewster Bed in Babies Hospital. For 22 years, beginning in 1911, she donated \$500 annually for the support of two other beds.

Every Christmas, beginning in 1906 and continuing for more than a quarter-century, she presented gifts to little patients and to all the students in the hospital's Training School for Infants' Nurses. Her presents were greatly appreciated by the students—and were always quite liberal. For example, at Christmas in 1910 she gave each of the school's 33 students a fur neck piece.

### FOOD AND CLOTHES

From just before the turn of the century and for the first three decades of the 1900's, Mrs. Jennings gave, as was the custom of the time, gifts of food and clothing for the patients.

Almost every annual report over a 40-year period gratefully acknowledged such contributions from her as numerous jars of homemade jams and jellies, eggs, butter, cakes, fresh berries and vegetables, meats and poultry, infant clothing, handmade afghans, a chest of silver, concert tickets for nurses, and flowers for the wards.

When the new Babies Hospital had its official opening at the Medical Center on June 25, 1929, the entire building was beautified by bouquets of summer flowers that she provided.

## P & S Graduates

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Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The Invocation and Benediction were given by the Rev. Edwin M. Barton, director of student activities at P&S.

Others on the dais were Dr. J. Frederick Eagle, Assistant Dean; Dr. Melvin D. Yahr, Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies, and Mrs. Eileen H. Daly, Assistant to the Registrar of the University.

Degrees were conferred and the new doctors took the Hippocratic Oath earlier in the day on the Columbia campus.

## DR. DANA W. ATCHLEY HONORED; PORTRAIT UNVEILED AT FETE



AUGUSTUS C. LONG AND DR. DANA W. ATCHLEY, stand before the portrait of Dr. Atchley, unveiled at the recent party held to honor his long service to medicine and the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Mr. Long, President of the Presbyterian Hospital Board of Trustees, was among many distinguished guests who attended the party honoring Dr. Atchley.



MRS. ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH, in animated conversation with MISS FLORA RHIND, during the party honoring Dr. Atchley.



WILLIAM DRAPER, who painted the portrait of Dr. Atchley, which will be hung in the Conference Room of the Department of Medicine, PH-9 Stem, converses with KENNETH CHORLEY, following unveiling of the portrait.

Her annual contributions to units of the Medical Center continued faithfully until just before her death.

Her husband, Oliver G. Jennings, was equally dedicated in his service to Babies. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1897, was its able president for five years (1901-06) and vice president for a total of 25 years.

Their son Benjamin Brewster Jennings, retired board chairman of Socony Mobil Oil Company, has been a member of the Corporation of Presbyterian Hospital since Jan. 12, 1937.

After the death of her husband in 1936, Mrs. Jennings turned her attention to oil painting. "If you're old and lonely, you've got to do something," she said in explanation of her new interest. She was 65 at the time.



MRS. DANA W. ATCHLEY, MRS. DAVID GILLESPIE, SAM GOLDWYN AND THE REV. DAVID GILLESPIE, obviously enjoying the conversation during the party for Dr. Atchley.

Her paintings, especially of landscapes and flower arrangements, were regarded to be excellent and she attracted considerable artistic interest when, at the age of 90, she held an exhibition at Manhattan's Schoneman Gallery.

She continued to work at her easel until just a few days before her death.

Surviving, in addition to Benjamin Brewster Jennings, is a second son, Lawrence Kirtland Jennings; four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

## SORRY, WRONG FORECAST

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streaming down my windowpanes, lightning was crackling, thunder was crashing and the sky was as black as the inside of your hat. But the recorded voice on the other end of the line assured me that we could expect weather no worse than 'occasional cloudiness, with patches of light fog in coastal areas.'





# The Stethoscope

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## ECHOS AID IN STUDY OF BRAIN STRUCTURE

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Man for centuries, has used sound waves to obtain information. On the late show you still see an occasional Apache put his ear to the ground, listening for the far-off hoofbeats of the oncoming cavalry; or to a rail where he can hear the distant approach of the iron horse.

More recently, sound waves have been used to determine the depth of the ocean's floor, and these same sonar instruments helped sound out enemy submarines during World War II. Modern fishermen even use sonar to locate schools of fish.

Medical science also used sound waves to obtain information. Currently, ultrasound waves (those at a frequency greater than 20,000 per second and undetectable to the human ear) are being used to help evaluate the anatomical normalcy of a person's head. This is a relatively new, accurate, and valuable diagnostic technique, which is undergone easily and in comfort by the patient.

Bouncing sound waves, electronics and photography are combined for this procedure, called "echoencephalography", meaning study of the brain with echoes.

"This technique was developed in Sweden in the late 1950's," explained Dr.

Ray A. Brinker, Assistant Radiologist who is in charge of the project here, under the Department of Radiology.

### 97% ACCURACY

"We have done more than 700 studies here and achieved better than 97 per cent accuracy in predicting where the center of the brain is located," he added.

The importance of this lies in the fact that if the mid-line of the brain is recorded off-center, it indicates either some shifting of the brain or the existence of some other mass within the head, possibly a tumor, which has deflected the sound wave.

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DR. RAY A. BRINKER holds transducer to patient's head and watches the image on the oscilloscope made when the transducer transmits the echo of ultrasound waves to that device.

## Hartford Foundation Renews Grant For Nursing Education

The John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc., has awarded a three-year grant totaling \$75,000 for nursing scholarships to the Department of Nursing at Presbyterian Hospital. This is a renewal of an identical \$75,000 grant awarded to the department in 1961.

Announcement of the grant renewal was made by Ralph W. Burger, president of the Hartford Foundation, and Augustus C. Long, president of Presbyterian Hospital.

Mr. Burger explained that the grant was awarded "to assist and encourage many well-qualified applicants who would have no other means to finance their nursing education."

In expressing the hospital's gratitude, Mr. Long said that the scholarship assistance project is to be known as "The John A. Hartford Memorial Student Nurse Scholarship Program."

During the three years that the original Hartford Foundation grant was in effect, the money enabled the Department of Nursing to award a total of 212 scholarships, both full and partial, according to Miss Elizabeth S. Gill, director of nursing at Presbyterian Hospital and associate dean (Nursing) of the Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University.

"Several young women whom we graduated last month were able to complete their education—and now are actively participating in the nursing profession as graduates—because of the assistance they received from the Hartford Foundation throughout their student days. They are deeply grateful," Miss Gill said.

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MISS GILL



DR. D. C. BAKER, JR.

## Dr. D. C. Baker, Jr. Is Named Chairman Of Otolaryngology

Dr. Daniel Clifton Baker, Jr. has been named director of the Service of Otolaryngology at Presbyterian Hospital and chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The appointments were announced jointly on July 1 by Augustus C. Long, president of the hospital, and Grayson Kirk, president of Columbia University.

Dr. Baker succeeds Dr. Edmund P. Fowler, Jr., who died in January of this year after directing the

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## Catholic Chaplain Assumes Duties Here

The Rev. Guy S. Vinci, a young priest so interested in the chaplaincy to the sick that he was a hospital volunteer for the past five years, has been appointed Catholic Chaplain at the Presbyterian Hospital.

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REV. GUY S. VINCI

## Presbyterian Tops In Nation In Hospital Public Relations

For the second time in three years, Presbyterian Hospital's Department of Public Interest has been selected to receive the coveted MacEachern Citation for the best overall hospital public relations program in North America.

The board of judges also singled out for an award the hospital's "Brief Report," entitled "A Message From The President of Presbyterian Hospital," published in April of this year.

The two awards will be presented in Chicago on August 24 during the annual convention of the

American Hospital Association.

These are the eighth and ninth awards for excellence won by Public Interest in hospital public relations competition sponsored by Hospital Management Magazine and participated in by hospitals throughout the United States and Canada.

In additions to the 1964 awards, Public Interest previously earned three successive MacEachern awards for *Stethoscope*, an award for Annual Reports, and a runner-up award last year for the overall hospital public relations program.



REPORTERS: *Accounting*—Elizabeth Dixon. *Blood Bank*—Susan Gottschalk. *Building and Grounds*—Margaret Muccilli. *Chaplain*—Robert B. Reeves, Jr. *DOS*—Mrs. Florence Moore. *Eye Institute*—Grace Robles. *Housekeeping*—Rosina Wallace. *Laundry*—Mary Minsky. *Library*—Barbara Martin. *Mail & Messenger*—John J. Campbell. *Mary Harkness Unit*—Mrs. Harriett Ryan. *Nursing*—Miss Lorraine Betz, R.N.; Miss Helen D. Henry, R.N.; Mrs. Stella Anderson, P.N.; Mrs. Catherine Finnerty (Auxiliary Nursing). *Occupational Therapy*—Mrs. Felice Celikyol. *Protective*—Edwin H. Behlmer. *Purchasing*—Gerard Walker. *Record*—Ruth Carthy. *Social Service*—Agnes Dilworth, Adelaide Vrooman. *Telephone*—Marjorie Clancy. *Vanderbilt Clinic*—Barbara Little. *Volunteer*—Marguerite Stein.

Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox.

## STETHOSCOPIA

### ● THEY DID IT!

Jane Ann London, head nurse in Blood Bank, became the bride of Dr. Peter Foster Salomon, P&S '64; Miss Lynn Seymour Sheppard of Greenwich, Conn. was married to Dr. William Muir Manger, Assistant Physician; Maxine Fried, R.N. on PH-14W, was wed to Richard William Haigh; Carole Dahm, R.N. from BH Nursing Office, became Mrs. Robert A. Young, Jr.; Beth Galanter, daughter of Mrs. Madeline Galanter, secretary in BH Nursing Office, married Joel Radscen; Susan Marilyn Lerner and Dr. Gerald Lieberman, Assistant Resident in Babies Hospital; and Jane Curtis Bodenweiser, R.N., Staff Nurse, and Arthur Rimsey McEldowney were married in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel. Volunteers Mrs. Katherine Brown, Ann Vlokas and Karlan Sloane are also new brides.

### ● THESE SAID "YES"!

Virginia Pasqueretta, R.N. on PH-14, is engaged to Mr. Clifford Jacobsen. They will wed in November. Patricia O'Brien, R.N. on PH-14, will marry Mr. Adrian Humbert Sept. 26. Susan J. Evans, senior at the School of Nursing, is engaged to Philip Hertz, senior at P&S.

### ● BLESSED EVENTERS!

John Ansbro of Maintenance & Construction and Mrs. Ansbro welcomed their first child, Patrick John, born June 18. Dr. and Mrs. J. Anthony Dede, have a second child, a daughter born June 1. Father is assistant resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology; mother is the former Cynthia Ann McNally, Nursing School '58.

Fond grandmothers include Mrs. Edith Hinkle, Engineering Department, whose grandson Carl Bost, was born June 14, and Mrs. Kathleen Bray, Nursing Office, who welcomed her fifth grandson.

### ● IT'S HOT AND ON VACATION ARE:

Volunteers Sara Warhaftig, in San Francisco; Milda Garner performing in a stock company on Long Island during the month of July; Wilma Goepel spending six weeks in Europe; Evelyn Klebe just returned from Europe, and Josephine Bartak, still there; Mrs. Lolita Nazario, back from a June in Florida; Mrs. Rufina Reyman and her husband spending their 40th wedding anniversary in Holland, their first visit to their homeland in many years. Anne Bugler, Record Department, vacationed in California.

At Mary Harkness, Mrs. Jean Carey and Miss Nellie Klok are tripping in Europe and the Scandinavian Peninsula; Mrs. Susan Millman spent two weeks in California and came home via New Hampshire where she attended her son's graduation from Tilton Prep School.

The grounds at Mary Harkness were the picnic site for recent outings by the Orthopedic, Urology, Surgical Pathology, and Occupational Therapy groups, First Year Nursing Students and the Executive Board of the Student Council.

European travelers from Social Service are Susan Hillman, Judith Heller, Donna Miller and Helen Ciocca.

Betsy Sheffield, Public Interest, is in California and will drive back sightseeing en route.

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## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

**Dr. George F. Crikelair**, Attending Surgeon, recently attended the American Society of Plastic Surgeons Meeting in Chicago, attended a conference at the Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C. as a representative of the American College of Surgeons, and was faculty lecturer at Albany Medical College and at Glens Falls Hospital.

**Dr. Francis C. Symonds, Jr.**, Assistant Attending Surgeon, presented a paper at the recent meeting of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons in Chicago.

**Dr. John K. Lattimer**, Director of Urological Service, presided at a luncheon meeting at the 59th annual meeting of the American Urological Association in Pittsburgh recently.

**Dr. Ralph Veenema**, Associate Attending Urologist and **Dr. Bruno Fingerhut**, Assistant in Urology, won first prize for their exhibit entitled "Transillumination of the Rat Urinary Bladder: An Aid in the Study of Induced Bladder Carcinoma."



DR. ZINSSER

**Dr. Hans H. Zinsser**, Associate Attending Urologist, participated in an exhibit on "Automation in Urological Education," which also won a prize at the Pittsburgh meeting and **Dr. Sam T. Knappenberger**, former resident of the Squier Urological Clinic, won the low gross score in golf.

**Dr. Meyer M. Melicow**, Given Professor Emeritus of Urology Research, has returned from a trip around the world. He lectured at the Medical Schools of the University of Tokyo, The University of Kyoto and was in Hiroshima to participate in the program at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Urological Association. He received awards from all these institutions. Dr. Melicow also visited urological clinics in Hong Kong and Bangkok, and attended a meeting in Athens of the European Society for Psychosomatic Medicine.

**Dr. Karlis Adamsons, Jr.**, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and

Gynecologist, presented "Thermal factors in influencing the metabolic rate in the neonatal period" at the plenary session of the Society for Pediatric Research in Seattle, Washington.

**Dr. Landrum B. Shettles**, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, has received certification as Diplomate of the North American Section on Gynecology and Obstetrics from the Pan American Medical Association.

**Dr. Raffaele Lattes**, Attending Surgical Pathologist, presented "Tumors of Soft Tissue" at the 16th Annual Seminar of the Indiana Association of Pathologists at Indianapolis.



DR. LATTES

**Dr. I. Bernard Weinstein**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, has been awarded the 1964 Meltzer Medal of the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine, for his demonstration that the genetic code is the same for all types of cells including cancer cells.

### Date Announced For Symposium On Parkinsonism

A symposium on "Thalamic Integration of Sensory Motor Activities" will be held at P&S, November 30-December 2. The Conference is the first of a series of symposia to be presented by the Parkinson's Disease Research and Information Center and is co-sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the Parkinson's Disease Foundation. Information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the program co-director, Dr. Melvin D. Yahr, at the Neurological Institute, 710 West 168th Street, New York, N. Y.



## Junior, Evening Volunteers To Be Feted September 10th

Presbyterian Hospital will hold its first awards meeting to honor its evening and junior volunteers on September 10, according to Mrs. Marguerite Stein, director of volunteers.

Service certificates and pins will be presented to junior volunteers who worked here during the school year and vacation time, and to evening volunteers who have been unable to attend the regular Annual Volunteer Awards Tea.

## MARY CRAWFORD RESIGNS; TO STUDY FOR DOCTORATE

Mary I. Crawford, coordinator of Maternal and Child Health at Presbyterian Hospital and associate professor of nursing on Columbia's Faculty of Medicine, has resigned her positions here to devote full time to advanced study in nursing education.

Miss Crawford will return to Teachers College with a U. S. Public Health Service fellowship to study for the degree of Doctor of Education in nursing research.

A strong spokesman on the role of the nurse-midwife in maternity care, she initiated the Medical Center's graduate program in maternity nursing in September 1955 and directed it until her resignation on July 1.

(The 11-month program was established by the Department of Nursing in co-operation with the School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine and the Maternity Center Association, New York City. Graduates receive a master of science degree from Columbia and a certificate of nurse-midwifery from Maternity Center Assn.)

Miss Crawford, former president of the American College of Nurse-Midwifery, was born May 17, 1921 in Lakewood, Ohio. Her father, Russell Crawford, is a physician and former hospital administrator (now medical relations director for Blue Cross in Cleveland), but Miss Crawford's early interests were in the field of physical education. Her major studies in college were in this area and her degree from the University of Michigan was

bachelor of science in education.

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## European Society Dedicates Journal To Dr. John Caffey

A recent issue of "Annales de Radiologie," a French journal of radiology, was dedicated to Dr. John Caffey, former head of Babies Hospital's x-ray department, in recognition of his achievements in pediatric radiology and their world-wide effects on its teaching and practice.

This is the second European distinction in two years for Dr. Caffey, consultant in radiology to the Medical Center and emeritus professor of radiology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Last year the European

## Singing Porter of Maxwell Hall

### John Hicks Hums His Own Tunes While He Works

Johnny Hicks performs his duties as porter in Maxwell Hall with a song on his lips.

And the song he sings is often his own.

Johnny is a composer of music and a singer. Belting out one of his own compositions, a rhythm and blues number called "Let Me Know," the singing porter finished among the top 10 in the finals of a citywide talent competition held June 22 at Harlem's famous Apollo Theater.

He had qualified for the finals by winning more listener votes than any of the other 270 contestants in the Tip Top Talent Contest, conducted annually over New York radio station WWRL.

"I've loved music since I was a little kid," said Johnny, a native of Hender-



Johnny Hicks proudly displays check he won in finals of citywide talent contest. He impressed the judges by singing one of his original tunes.

son, N. C. When he was 18, he went to live with some relatives in Roxbury, Mass., a suburb of Boston. There he wrote his first song.

During the six years he resided in Roxbury, Johnny worked as a lab assistant in the Massachusetts Dairy Laboratories.

"But in my spare time I wrote music," he said. "I used to sing my songs in any nightclub where they'd let me, and I entered every talent contest I heard about. I wanted to get experience."

In 1960 he came to New York, the Mecca for those who seek a career in show business. "I had \$50 in my pocket, two demonstration records and a couple other songs of mine in my suitcase, and lots of hope when I arrived in Manhattan on the ninth day of July."

He didn't make out as well as he had hoped, but quite a bit better than most of the aspiring song writers and entertainers who seek their fortunes in the Big City.

"I was disappointed when the music publishers weren't very interested in my songs on the demonstration records, two rhythm and blues numbers, 'If I Had You' and 'So Lonely and Blue.' What they did like was a ballad I wrote, 'Say You.'"

So he signed a contract assigning rights to the song to T. M. Music, Inc. Soon "Say You" was recorded by a singer named Jamie Coe on the ABC-Paramount label.

"Not much happened," Johnny admitted. "The royalties never poured in. Nobody was buying. But now we got another chance. 'Say You' has just been recorded again. Ronnie Dove sings it on the Diamond label, so we'll see what happens."

Johnny Hicks went to work in Maxwell Hall in January, 1961.

Since then he's written a half dozen tunes, including the song he sang in the talent finals, "Let Me Know." It has been published by Original Music, Inc. To date, it hasn't been recorded, but he's thinking he might cut a record himself.

Many inspirations for new songs come to him while he's working, Johnny said. "Sometimes I'll hear the music first. Other times somebody'll say something or I'll think of some expression. I say it until the tune comes. I never know when a song's going to hit me."

Like all songwriters, Johnny is hoping for the big break, for a hit tune. He would also like to establish himself as a singer. He's only 28 and he has hope. Maybe the next tune that comes to him will be the big one, the song that will put him on top.

In the meanwhile, Johnny sings as he goes about his work at Maxwell Hall.

"A man's got to earn a living," he said. "And I like working here at the hospital."

## WANTED

If you have a picture taken of yourself while you're on vacation, let all your Medical Center friends see it in *Stethoscope*.

The only requirements are that the photograph be of the black and white variety and clear enough to reprint well.

Pictures will be accepted in the Public Interest office, PH4-32.



DR. CAFFEY

Society for Pediatric Radiology elected him an honorary member of their ranks. He was the first American to be so honored.

While Dr. Caffey was an intern at Babies Hospital, 1924-25, he was the first doctor to achieve success with the hospital's new x-ray equipment. For his contributions to Babies and to his specialty, he was awarded the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Distinguished Service Medal during last year's observance of the 75th anniversary of Babies Hospital.

Dr. Caffey retired from his Medical Center positions in 1960 and is currently affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh Medical School and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.



These two trailers in the garden supply four hospital units of the Medical Center with piped-in nitrous oxide, an anesthetic agent. The gas streams through some 200 feet of underground pipe, emerging into tunnel piping and up risers as high as the 19th floor operating suite at Presbyterian Hospital. The system also serves operating rooms of the Eye Institute, Babies Hospital and the Neurological Institute. The two trailers hold a month's supply of the gas.



## In Memoriam

DR. WILLIAM E. STUDDIFORD, JR.

Dr. William Emery Studdiford Jr., a former associate director of Sloane Hospital for Women and professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, died May 29 in White Plains, N. Y. He was 66 years old.

A frequent contributor to scientific journals and the author of chapters in many medical texts, he was widely known for his studies of obstetric sepsis and the development of techniques in gynecological surgery.

### STUDIED IN EUROPE

After receiving his medical degree at the College of Medicine of New York University in 1922, he interned at Bellevue Hospital, then went to Europe for further study, including six months at Edinburgh under Dr. Benjamin P. Watson, later (1926-46) director of Sloane Hospital.

Dr. Studdiford, whose father was director of Sloane, 1919-25, and first chief of the combined Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology at P&S, was a resident at Sloane during 1927-28, then was on the attending staff until 1932, when he joined the staff at Bellevue.

## MARY CRAWFORD RESIGNS

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Her interests shifted to nursing during her last year at college and after her graduation in 1943 she enrolled in Western Reserve University School of Nursing, graduating in 1945.

After serving three years as head nurse at University Hospitals, Cleveland, she taught nursing for two years at Western Reserve, then studied at Teachers College, receiving a master of arts degree in nursing education in 1952.

She earned a certificate of nurse-midwifery from the Maternity Center Assn., then went to Johns Hopkins

He returned to Sloane in 1943 to serve as associate director under Dr. Watson. He also served as secretary of the Medical Board until 1946, when he went back to Bellevue as director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

### SURVIVORS LISTED

Surviving are his widow, the former Margaret Watts Cochran; a son, William Emery Studdiford III, of Somerville, N. J.; two daughters, Mrs. Arthur L. Stein Jr. of Greenfield, Mass., and Mrs. Rosalie Littell Richards of Bay Head, N. J., and eight grandchildren.



MARY CRAWFORD

Hospital in March, 1953 as one of two nurses working under Dr. Nicholson Eastman in an experimental program in nurse-midwifery. The success of the project resulted in the acceptance of the nurse-midwife in the delivery room at Johns Hopkins.

During the next year, she worked here at the Maternity Center Assn. making plans for establishment of the Medical Center's present graduate program in maternity nursing.

Through 1963, 41 students of the program received master of science degrees and certificates in midwifery. An additional 10 nurses earned certificates only.

Many of her former students in the program were among the 100 friends and associates who wished Miss Crawford well at a going-away party held June 24.

### Honorary Degree For Mrs. de Hirsch

The contributions of Mrs. Katrina de Hirsch of the pediatric Language Disorder Clinic to the understanding of reading and other language disorders of children were given significant recognition with the presentation to her of an honorary Doctor of Science degree by Hood College, Maryland.

Mrs. de Hirsch is now running, under a grant from the Health Research Council, a series of tests to determine whether prematurely born children of average intelligence are as mature at kindergarten age as children born at term. Both groups will be retested when they finish second grade.

## Puerto Rican Chaplain, N.Y. Theology Professor Are Summer Assistants

A hospital chaplain from Puerto Rico and a theology professor from Manhattan are serving as summer assistants to the Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Jr. in the Chaplain's Department of Presbyterian Hospital.

They are the Rev. Dr. Angel L. Seda, 51, chaplain at the 200-bed Presbyterian Hospital in San Juan, P.R., and the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Neale, 35, assistant professor in the Psychiatry and Religion program at Union Theological Seminary.

Dr. Seda is a graduate of the Theological Evangelical Seminary in Puerto Rico and holds both a master's degree and a doctor's degree in education from Columbia University. He will be here as an assistant and observer through July under the sponsorship of the Division of Health and Welfare of the Presbyterian Church's Board of National Missions.

Dr. Seda's wife, the former Eva Mora, holds a master's degree in education from Columbia and is the assistant superintendent of schools in the San Juan District. The Sedas have a son, Angel Jr., 25, a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, and two married daughters, one a teacher, the other a dietitian.

Dr. Neale, a native of Mount Clemens, Mich., was graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 1954. He received his doctorate in the field of Psychiatry and Religion from Union in May of this year.

He served as minister of a United Church of Christ parish in East Arlington, Vermont from 1954 through 1957, then returned to Union for further study.

### PRISON CHAPLAIN

As part of this advanced program, he received practical training in institutional chaplaincy for three

months at the prison on Rikers Island, then for six months at Bellevue Hospital.

Dr. Neale is married to the former Margo Beal of Mount Clemens. They have two children, Rebecca, 3½, and David, 1½.

### UNUSUAL HOBBY

Incidentally, Dr. Neale has an interesting hobby. He is very proficient at the ancient Chinese and Japanese art of *origami*, or paper folding, and has written articles on the subject. He is completing a children's book that will show youngsters how to create a puppet theater, including puppets, by folding paper into artistic shapes.

### NEW CHAPLAIN AT MARY HARKNESS

Chaplain Reeves has announced the appointment of muth as associate chaplain the Rev. Luther T. Freifor the Mary Harkness Unit in Port Chester, N. Y. He succeeds the Rev. Edward I. Campbell, who recently resigned after three years' service to the Unit. The Rev. Mr. Freimuth, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, has been pastor for 15 years of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, which is in the process of moving from Byram, Conn. to a new church building in nearby Port Chester.

## Student Nurses Elect

Susan Strom, Class of 1965, and Barbara Bechtold, Class of 1966, have been elected president of their respective classes at the School of Nursing. All elections are for a one-year term.

Other officers of the Class of '65 are Stephanie Kuhn, vice president; Virginia Maeyer, secretary; Ruth Walker, treasurer; Jane Hall, Executive Board representative; Jeanne Ferb and Katherine Rice, Judiciary Board representatives, and Judith Holland, Residence Council representative.

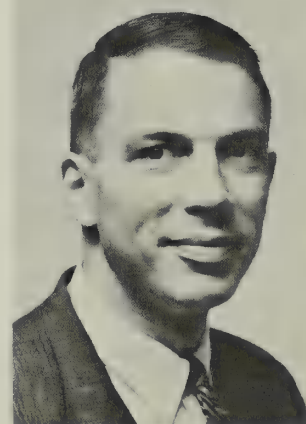
Other officers of the Class of '66 include Kathryn Klinck, vice president; Doris Miller, secretary; Patricia Archbold, treasurer; Judith McLaughlin and Carolyn Sywak, Judiciary Board representatives; Lee Worfolk, Residence Council representative; Virginia Kidd, Executive Board representative, and Margaret Fuhs, representative to the Student Nurse Association of New York State.



BARBARA BECHTOLD  
Class of 1966



SUSAN STROM  
Class of 1965



REV. ROBERT NEALE



REV. ANGEL L. SEDA



# NO MIGHTY OAK BUT A SHRINKING SPRUCE

## Spruce Down To Spruce Up

Bent limbs, dwarfed shapes, twisted trunks! An orthopedic fantasia? Not for Dr. David Andrews. It is his hobby—the antithesis of his work as an orthopedic surgeon—the art of bonsai.

This ancient horticultural feat of stunting trees and guiding them into forms reminiscent of those caused by the forces of nature was originated by the Japanese and is now very popular here for home decoration. The plantings simulate wind-swept panoramas, water-side cascades, hillside groupings and other formations in which the trees deviate from their usual growth pattern.

### HOME EXPERIMENTS

Studying the methods of the Japanese, Dr. Andrews has experimented with various types of evergreens and broad-leafed species, and with rock plantings, for which he collects odd fossilized rocks and outcroppings.

In his garden, at his Alpine, N. J. home, he raises a selection of bushes and trees, some grown from cuttings, others purchased because of their asymmetry. Some are local varieties and some collected from far-off places. These trees are cut, molded and coaxed into forms of beauty and interest.

### INSTANT BONSAI

"Some of these changes in shape take years of patient manipulation to accomplish. The Japanese sometimes work thirty or forty years to produce a desired effect," Dr. Andrews explained.

"In our usual hurry we Americans have devised a method of instant bonsai, in an attempt to produce quickly the effects for which the Japanese gardeners work long years. Certain stock lends itself to this fast method," he added, and proceeded to demonstrate the patterning of an arrangement to grace a living room.



**UNDER EXAMINATION . . .** Using an Alberta spruce, about five years old, grown from a cutting and shown here in its natural form, Dr. Andrews studies the branch formation to determine which should be retained.



**UNDER OBSERVATION . . .** With the aid of helpers, David, Jr. and a friend, he trims the tree, leaving only those branches which will make an informal, upright style tree, slightly bent as if on a hillside buffeted by wind.

**WITH DELIBERATION . . .** Wiring of the trunk and branches with a soft copper wire controls the shape and enables the gardener to force the trunk into a deformity, which, in nature, is pleasing to the eye. The wire, which is left on for about 6 months, is wound loosely so as not to do damage to the bark. The root structure is wired to a mesh in the bottom of the clay pot to hold the planting firmly.

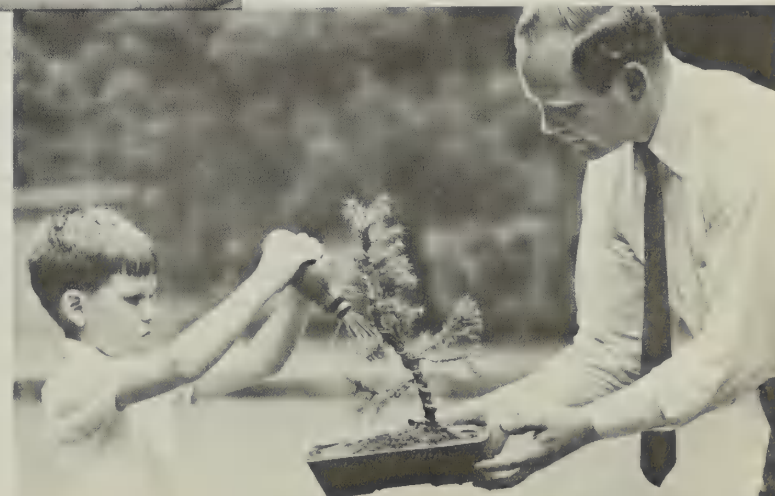


**MANIPULATION . . .** After wiring the tree is placed into container and soil is worked around and between the roots with the aid of a chopstick. The turntable on which the arrangement is worked allows for easy manipulation. There is a decided front view but the tree should be pleasing from all angles.

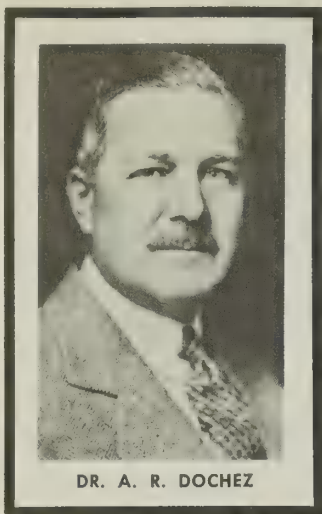


**PRESERVATION . . .** Moss is placed on top of the soil to preserve the moisture and prevent erosion of the soil. It also has the esthetic value of simulating a grassy knoll like that found in natural surroundings.

**CONCENTRATION . . .** The final inspection—and watering is given by Dr. Andrew's severest critic, David, Jr. Now the tree will be nursed until it is firmly established in the desired form and the wire can be removed.







DR. A. R. DOCHEZ

## Dr. A. R. Dochez, Physician-Teacher, Succumbs at Age 82

Dr. A. Raymond Dochez, for many years a consultant in medicine at Presbyterian Hospital and John E. Borne Professor Emeritus of Medical and Surgical Research at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, died June 30 at the Medical Center after a long illness. His age was 82.

Dr. Dochez was a noted bacteriologist, teacher and physician, who made major contributions to medical knowledge, including the serological classification of pneumococci, the causative agent in lobar pneumonia. He developed a serum treatment for that disease, while at the Hospital of the Rockefeller Institute.

### SCARLET FEVER RESEARCH

At the Medical Center, he established the relation of the hemolytic streptococcus to scarlet fever and produced a successful antitoxin. He also did pioneer work in demonstrating the viral etiology of the common cold.

Born in San Francisco in 1882, Dr. Dochez received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins in 1907, and honorary doctorates in medical science from New York University, Yale University and Western Reserve.

He was a major in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army during World War I, after which he served as Associate Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins until joining the Medical Center staff in 1924.

In addition to his hospital and academic appointments, Dr. Dochez served as Executive Officer of the Department of Bacteriology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons from 1940 until his retirement in 1949.

## Dr. A. S. Borsiczky, Visiting Fellow, Dies Here, Aged 44

Dr. Alexander S. Borsiczky, visiting fellow in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Presbyterian Hospital and an assistant in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, died May 25 at his home in Riverdale. He was 44 years old.

Born in Hungary, he was a 1944 graduate of the Royal Hungarian University Medical School in Budapest. He fled his homeland in 1956, during the unsuccessful revolution against the Soviet troops occupying the country.

In the United States he interned for two years at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, then was a resident at Presbyterian Hospital, 1959-61, before being appointed a visiting fellow.

Surviving are his widow, Elinor (Donath) Borsiczky; a son, Sandor, 18, and a daughter, Veronica, 19, who worked for a time as assistant in Dr. Ralph M. Richards' laboratory at P&S.

The author of numerous scientific papers on infectious diseases, Dr. Dochez received several honors and awards, including the Medal of Merit from the U. S. Government for outstanding contributions to medical research during World War II, and the Kober Medal of the Association of American Physicians in 1949.

### MEDAL WINNER

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Medical Center in 1953, he was awarded the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his contributions to the growth and development of the institution.

He belonged to many professional societies and was past president of the Association of American Physicians, American Association of Immunologists and American Clinical and Climatological Association. He was a member of the Century Association and University Club in New York, the Maryland Club of Baltimore and the Metropolitan Club of Washington, D. C.

A requiem mass for Dr. Dochez was celebrated July 2 at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in Manhattan.

*There are mountains to climb, a "cultural gap" to close, so . . .*

## Nurse Delphine (Wilde) Wolcott Chooses An Early Retirement

Mrs. Delphine (Wilde) Wolcott, assistant director of nursing, Orthopedic Department, has taken an early retirement so she and her husband can devote more time to their outdoor interests, including mountain climbing.

A 1926 graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, she was honored by some 300 Medical Center friends at a party on June 25, her final day of duty here.

Mrs. Wolcott, during her 38 years of affiliation with

Administration Hospital to gain further experience in orthopedic nursing.

Mrs. Wolcott came back to the Medical Center in 1950 to take charge of the nursing service when the N. Y. Orthopaedic Hospital moved into its present quarters here. Since 1951 she has coordinated nursing service and education in that unit. Each student nurse spends four weeks gaining clinical experience on the orthopedic floor.

In retirement Mrs. Wolcott plans to work part time, but to spend as many of her leisure hours as possible in the out-of-doors, pursuing her favorite pastimes: camping, swimming and mountain climbing.

She has been scaling Nature's heights since the mid-30's and she met her husband, Roger Wolcott, while rock climbing with the Appalachian Mountain Club. Together they have ascended many peaks in the American and Canadian Rockies; in Europe they conquered the 14,780-foot challenge of Switzerland's famed Matterhorn with a two-day climb.

Mrs. Wolcott and her husband are now getting ready for a trip to the Grand Canyon and to the Teton mountain range of Wyoming.

"I also hope I'll find time to close the culture gap in my life by visiting museums, attending symphonies and the theater, and catching up on my reading," Mrs. Wolcott concluded.



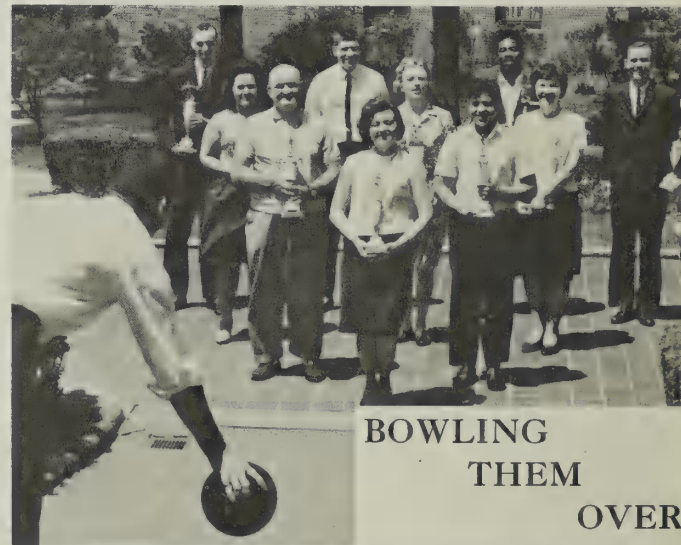
DELPHINE WOLCOTT

Presbyterian Hospital, helped introduce hundreds of student nurses here to the field of orthopedic nursing. (She held an appointment as assistant professor of nursing on the Faculty of Medicine). Her own career in this specialty began in 1928 when she was named head nurse of Presbyterian's fracture service at the newly-completed Medical Center. Four years later she was promoted to supervisor of orthopedic nursing.

### WORLD WAR II NURSE

Even before the United States became officially involved in World War II, Mrs. Wolcott volunteered for active service (March, 1940), one of the first three Presbyterian nurses to do so.

"We were to go to Finland with the American-Scandinavian Field Hospital Unit, but we never got there," Mrs. Wolcott recalled. The Finns were overrun by the Russians before the hospital unit could arrive.



## BOWLING THEM OVER

Kingpin of the Medical Center Bowling League, Richie Salvatore (266 high single game, 621 high triple, 173 high average) takes careful aim on human tenpins Anita MacDonnell (front row), Bill Egan and Luis Villegas (second row); Linda Fernandez, Anne McElroy and Ann Solga (third row), and Richard Dempsey, Ray Laureano, Benny Wanamaker, and Dave MacDonnell (rear row). Salvatore repeated as the league's top bowler, but the other ten also won trophies during the season. Competition will resume in the fall.



## FATHER VINCI

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He succeeds the Rev. John K. Hawes, who had served the hospital since 1959. Father Hawes has been reassigned by the Archdiocese of New York to Immaculate Conception Parish on East 14th Street, where he will be assistant pastor.

Father Vinci, a 32-year-old native of The Bronx, is the third priest to serve the hospital as full-time Catholic Chaplain, a position created in October, 1955.

### PRE-MED STUDIES

Although he intended to be a dentist, Father Vinci (pronounced VIN-chee) felt a calling to the priesthood while he was a sophomore pre-medical student at Fordham. After he received a bachelor of arts degree from the university in 1953, he entered St. Joseph's seminary, Yonkers.

Father Vinci was ordained at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 30, 1959. He then attended the Catholic University at Ponce, Puerto Rico, for an intensive three-month study of the language and customs of the island.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor of Sacred Hearts Church on East 33rd Street. The parish provided Catholic chaplains for the nearby Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Father Vinci was at the Institute two to three hours daily for the four years he was at Sacred Hearts. He also served as a volunteer at Bellevue Hospital during all that time.

Before coming to the Medical Center on June 13,

## DR. BAKER

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work of the Ear, Nose and Throat Service for 17 years. Dr. Baker had served as acting director since Dr. Fowler's death.

Primarily interested in laryngeal surgery, especially in functional surgery for cancer of the larynx, Dr. Baker has been affiliated with the Medical Center for 27 years. He came here in 1937 from Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, and began his Medical Center career as an assistant otolaryngologist at Presbyterian Hospital and Vanderbilt Clinic.

The 55-year-old native of Philadelphia is a director of the American Board of Otolaryngology, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, secretary of the American Broncho-Esophageological Association, and vice president of the American Laryngological Association.

Dr. Baker received his M.D. from Jefferson Medical College in 1933 and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medical Science at Columbia University in 1939.

During World War II, he attained the rank of lieutenant commander while serving at the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Baker and his wife, Geraldine, have five children. The family resides in Demarest, New Jersey.

he was at Immaculate Conception Parish in North Tarrytown, N. Y., and was a volunteer at Montefiore Hospital in The Bronx.

His principal interests, besides his work, are music and the theater.



MRS. LUCY MOSES chats with Dr. Dominick P. Purpura, one of the winners of the first Lucy Moses prizes in Neurology. Mrs. Moses presented the awards at a tea in Neurological Institute recently.

## Lucy Moses Neurology Prizes Go to Drs. Purpura and Cowen

The first Lucy Moses Prizes in Neurology—two \$500 annual awards for the best research in the field done at the Medical Center—were presented by Mrs. Moses at a tea June 25 at Neurological Institute.

The prizes were won by Dr. Dominick P. Purpura, associate professor of Neurological Surgery at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Dr. David Cowen, professor of Neuropathology.

Mrs. Moses and her late husband, Henry L. Moses, New York lawyer, banker and philanthropist, have had long-lasting concern for high quality medical education. Last year the "Henry and Lucy Moses Chair of Neurology" was established with a \$500,000 gift from Mrs. Moses. Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, is the new chair's first incumbent.

Dr. Purpura's winning research paper reported on

the way in which complex electrical activities in the brain are developed, while Dr. Cowen's paper reported on a recently discovered and somewhat rare, degenerative disease of the axones—the structures which carry nerve impulses.

Dr. Purpura, who has been at the Medical Center since 1956, is a 1953 graduate of the Harvard School of Medicine. A resident of Ramsey, N. J., he won the Cressy-Morrison Award of the New York Academy of Sciences in 1961.

Dr. Cowen, a New Yorker, and a 1932 alumnus of P&S, is an attending neuropathologist at Presbyterian Hospital, a consultant in neuropathology at the U. S. Veterans Administration hospitals in Staten Island and East Orange, N. J., and at Lenox Hill Hospital.

A past president of the American Association of Neuropathologists, he is also on the editorial board of the Journal of Neuropathol-

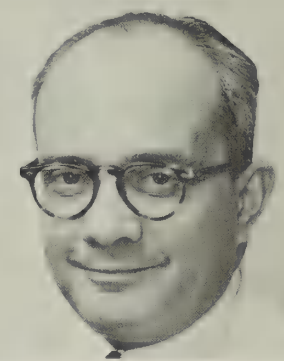
## Employee Gifts Set Fund Record

The staff and personnel of the Presbyterian Hospital, contributed \$12,508.80 to the 1964 Greater New York Fund Campaign.

The generous gifts established a new record for money presented to the annual campaign, exceeding by \$1,963.80 the \$10,545 given last year, according to Dr. C. R. Wise, campaign chairman for the hospital.

He said the average employee gift also rose to a new high of \$4.08.

In the past few years, Presbyterian consistently has led in total giving and per capita giving among all hospitals participating in the campaign.



DR. DAVID COWEN, recipient of one of the two Lucy Moses Prizes in Neurology for his research on a recently discovered and somewhat rare, degenerative disease of the axones—structures which carry nerve impulses.

ogy and Experimental Neurology and a corresponding member of the Commission for Neuropathology of the World Federation of Neurology.

## STETHOSCOPIA

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### HELLO, DOLLIES!

Margo Lane and Adaline Tagnasion in the Purchasing Department; Patricia O'Grady in Public Interest; Maxine Rogers, Patricia Rice and Donna McNeill in Social Service.

### GOOD BYE, BEST WISHES

Mrs. Monte Fletcher, Public Interest, gone to Maui in the Hawaiian Islands where she and her husband will teach at a new Episcopal boarding school for girls. Mrs. Elsie Donahue and Elizabeth Wettge from Purchasing in new spots, the former in IOPH, the latter at an airlines office. Mrs. Frances Brady, Babies Hospital Information and Mrs. Patricia Hug, DPPO4.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Mrs. Dorothy Diamond, now Office Manager in Public Interest. Promotions in the Nursing Department: Helen Miller to Evening Supervisor, PH; Christine Clark, Caroline Kruglinski, Joan Ogle and Joan Sedlatschek to Head Nurse, PH; Martha Landes and Dorothy Bocchini to Head Nurse, BH; Carol Singleto, Head Nurse, IOPH; Dianne Hiscock, Head Nurse, Sloane.

### WHAT'S NEW?

Raymond Rush, son of Mrs. Rose Rush, PH-12 Nursing Office, was graduated with honors from Manhattan College. John Rohrer's

son, Warren, was graduated magna cum laude from Long Island University. Among Warren's many awards was one for best work in English and History over a four year period and a National Defense Education Fellowship for three years at the State University of Iowa.

Thomas Manger, son of Mrs. Terry Manger, Assistant Secy-Treasurer's Office, won an American Legion Certificate for Distinguished Achievement when he was graduated recently from St. John's Grammar School, Kingsbridge.

Miss Marie Louise Franciscus, O.T.R., Associate Professor and Director, Occupational Therapy, P&S, is attending executive council meetings of World Federation of Occupational Therapists in Tel Aviv, Israel. Miss Franciscus is the official delegate of the American Occupational Therapy Assn. and first vice president of the World Federation. Before returning home Professor Franciscus plans to tour Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Greece.

Mrs. Adelaide Deutsch, O.T.R., Associate in Occupational Therapy, will also attend the council meetings as an alternate delegate. Mrs. Deutsch and her husband will tour Europe and attend the International Congress of Psychotherapy in London.

E. Marion Mike, head dietitian, Babies Hospital, addressed the 49th annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada, held in New York City.



## Nurse Scholarships

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"We of the nursing faculty are especially appreciative that the grant has been renewed, because the cost of educating student nurses has increased greatly. The generosity of the Hartford Foundation insures that we will be able to continue giving assistance to worthy students who could not otherwise complete their nursing program. This is particularly significant at a time when there exists in all areas of the United States an acute shortage of well educated and qualified nurses."

The Hartford Foundation has now awarded a total of \$5,393,025 in grants, gifts and other support to The Presbyterian Hospital.

Established by John A. Hartford, former president of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, and endowed by his brother, George L. Hartford, the Foundation is listed as the fourth largest in the country. Its income is used primarily for the support of medical research and education.

## Echo Study

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"This information can be obtained with x-rays through pneumoencephalography or arteriography. But in one case, it requires a spinal tap and the other requires injecting a harmless dye into the patient's carotid artery. No one would hesitate to have this done if it seemed advisable, but echoencephalography enables us to obtain this information without any discomfort to the patient," Dr. Brinker said.

The technique is relatively simple, he added. A transducer, which looks like a small battery, is held to the patient's head. Through it, ultrasound waves pass into the head. When these waves hit the flat central portion of the brain, they bounce back. The transducer picks up this echo and transmits it to an oscilloscope—which looks like a midget television set. Vertical streaks of light keep bouncing up and down on

## Station Repeats Pediatrics Series

The 13-week series on modern pediatrics, produced here at Babies Hospital and broadcast earlier this year over New York radio station WABC (770 on the dial), proved so informative and popular that it is being rerun by the station this summer.

The program may be heard at 10 a.m. each Sunday through August 30.

the oscilloscope as the sound-waves echo back into the transducer. To the trained eye, these vertical lines of light on the screen indicate location of the structures inside the head. A camera is attached to the unit to take pictures of the oscilloscope screen with its lines of light.

These photographs look something like sales charts. They are submitted to the patient's doctor to assist

An ultracentrifuge, a \$12,000 piece of equipment that will allow researchers to study cells at the most fundamental level, has been presented to the Department of Urology through the efforts of well-known banker and philanthropist Morris Morgenstern.

Announcement of the gift was made by Dr. John K. Lattimer during a reception and tea held June 18 in Squier Library to honor Mr. Morgenstern, an old and good friend of Squier Urological Clinic.

In a brief address before 150 guests at the reception, Mr. Morgenstern, a former patient in Urology, pledged to continue his assistance to the Department.

### CONTINUES AID

He announced that he is undertaking a personal campaign to raise funds for the department's research projects. He had previously (1957) given \$10,000 to Presbyterian Hospital to endow the Sadie B. Morgenstern Bed on the urological ward.

him in evaluating whether any abnormalities seem to be present. This has been found helpful in determining the best course of treatment for the patient.

Researchers are attempting to expand the use of photography in this study, hoping to provide photographic images which will show a cross section of the structures within the head. This promising study would further enhance echoencephalography as a useful clinical tool.

## SQUIER HONORS A BENEFACTOR, MORRIS MORGENSTERN, AT TEA



Dr. John K. Lattimer, left, and Morris Morgenstern study picture of the Urology Department's new ultracentrifuge, to be used in cell research.

Dr. Lattimer, chairman of the Department of Urology and director of Squier Clinic, said the ultracentrifuge will make it possible for his research teams to investigate such significant things as the difference between normal and cancer cells.

He added that the new apparatus may also enable the researchers to answer questions of how and why drug-resistant bacteria are different from other bacteria.

Mr. Morgenstern, whose philanthropy is concentrated in the areas of charitable institutions and religious organizations of all faiths, is the star of an American success story.

Brought to Manhattan's lower East Side by his Austrian parents when he was three, Morris Morgenstern as a boy helped support his family by selling newspapers for a penny and shining shoes for three cents.

As a young man, Morris

and his brother Sigmund ventured modestly into the world of business. Soon they were making a nice living by selling seltzer bottle tops, so they branched out by financing a number of small businesses on the lower East Side.

### BANK DIRECTOR

Eventually Morris Morgenstern became one of the nation's leading mortgage bankers and a very wealthy man. Now a vigorous and contagiously enthusiastic octogenarian, he is director of the Royal National Bank of New York.

Fifteen years ago he established the Morris Morgenstern Foundation to give aid to his favorite charities. Annually there is conferred on some outstanding individual or institution the Morris Morgenstern Foundation Award for advancement of "the principles of human dignity and freedom." Recipients have included former Presidents Kennedy, Truman and Hoover.

### FOUNDATION AWARD

In 1961 the foundation's award went to Dr. Lattimer and the Medical Center. The brass inscription plate on the award reads: "Presented in honor of Dr. John Kingsley Lattimer to the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center whose doors are open to the sick without regard to creed or color..."

At the reception in his honor here, Morris Morgenstern cited the words of a Jewish philosopher to express the motivations behind his philanthropy to the Department of Urology:

"When one saves even a single life," he quoted, "it is as though he saved the whole world."



VISITING BRITISH NURSES HONORED

Fifty British nurses recently spent a day at the Medical Center, touring various hospital units and attending programs especially planned to interest the matrons, tutors and nurse midwives in the group. Their busy day here ended with a tea in Harkness Hall, to which 70 nurses from the British Isles now serving on the Presbyterian Hospital staff came to welcome and visit with their British colleagues and friends. The visiting nurses are part of a group of 130 British National Health Services nurses on a two-week study tour of Canadian and American hospitals.





# The Stethoscope

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## BLOOD BANK NOTES 25th ANNIVERSARY

The Presbyterian Hospital Blood Bank, instrumental in providing the first units of life-saving plasma for Allied casualties of World War II, celebrates its 25th anniversary this month.

The nation's fourth facility established for the collection, typing, storing and dispensing of blood, the Bank came into being on August 9, 1939.

Its history has been an interesting one. It played a leading role in the unprecedented and vital blood collecting projects of the 1940's and now supplies all blood needs of the hospital units of the Medical Center, including the large amounts required for the dramatic open heart surgery program.

In 25 years, it has accepted deposits of almost 230,000 pints of blood; its transfusions total some 250,000 units.

It has experienced a remarkable, almost tenfold growth. During 1940, the first full year of operation, there were 1811 donors and 1564 transfusions. In 1963 deposits from all sources amounted to 13,633 pints; transfusions totaled 13,889 units.

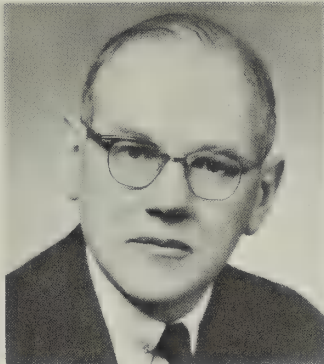
Directing the Blood Bank through its first quarter-century of achievement has been Dr. John Scudder. A 1927 graduate of Harvard Medical School, Dr. Scudder was at the time of his appointment a surgical fellow involved here in research on shock and blood plasma.

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Dr. John Scudder  
Directed Blood Bank  
For Quarter Century

## Corneal Research Center Will Be Created Here



Dr. Arthur G. DeVoe  
Corneal Center Director

The nation's first center for coordinated research by many branches of science into diseases of the cornea will be created at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center by a Government grant of \$1,600,000 to the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The center will be housed in facilities under construction at the Institute of Ophthalmology.

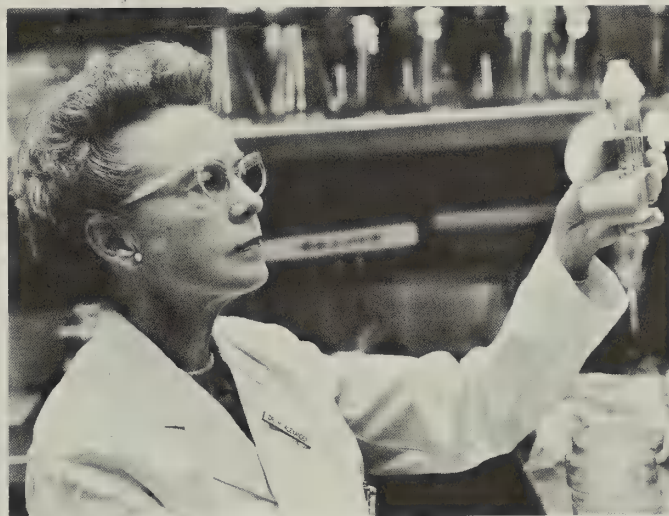
It will be the largest and most comprehensive research effort devoted exclusively to the study of the cornea, and it will be the first to fully coordinate basic investigations and clinical studies of corneal diseases by surgeons, biochemists, virologists, pathologists, anatomists, physiologists and immunologists, according to Surgeon General Luther Terry and Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, who made the announcement of the grant.

The cornea, often called the "window of the eye," is the thin, transparent, outermost membrane which covers the iris and pupil like a watch crystal. It is subject to at least one hundred diseases of various origins. The most serious ones cause clouding or scarring of the delicate membrane, with consequent loss of vision.

Trachoma, a virus disease of the cornea, is the greatest single world cause of serious and progressive loss of sight, often leading to blindness. The World Health Organization estimates that it affects

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## American Pediatric Society Elects Dr. Hattie Alexander



Dr. Hattie E. Alexander, long a leading lady in the field of pediatrics, has been elected president of the American Pediatric Society.

She is the first woman ever voted to the APS presidency and one of the few ever to head a major medical society in the United States.

Internationally acclaimed for her accomplishments as researcher, teacher and physician, Dr. Alexander has been affiliated with the Medical Center for 33 years. At present she is attending pediatrician at Babies Hospital and professor of pediatrics at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Alexander is a native of Baltimore, where she was born (April 5, 1901) and educated (Goucher Col-

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## Mother Of 7 Nurse's Aide

Mrs. Veronica Shinkerhoff, Nurse's Aide on Babies Hospital fourth floor, has a natural flair for providing tender loving care to the tots who occupy that tonsil and adenoid unit.

She has seven children of her own.

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## Of Proverbs and Dogs' Ears

With a proverbial twinkle in his eyes, Presbyterian Hospital Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr. has been telling friends and patients here of an allusion in the Bible to President Lyndon Johnson.

He says it's found in the Book of Proverbs. And sure enough, there it is - 26th chapter, 17th verse:

"He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears."

## PILLS BY THE MILLION...

IF YOU THOUGHT CARTER HAD A LOT OF LITTLE LIVER PILLS YOU SHOULD TAKE A LOOK INSIDE THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL PHARMACY. THEY AREN'T LITTLE LIVER PILLS, BUT TONS OF PILLS AND MEDICATIONS WHICH ARE USED DAILY IN THE HOSPITAL TO MAKE SICK PEOPLE WELL. IN ONE WEEK, SIX TONS OF DRUGS GO OUT FROM THE PHARMACY TO PATIENT FLOORS.

For an interesting behind the scenes story of the pharmacy turn to page 5.





REPORTERS: *Accounting*—Elizabeth Dixon. *Blood Bank*—Susan Gottschalk. *Building and Grounds*—Margaret Muccilli. *Chaplain*—Robert B. Reeves, Jr. *DOS*—Mrs. Florence Moore. *Eye Institute*—Grace Robles. *Housekeeping*—Rosina Wallace. *Laundry*—Mary Minsky. *Library*—Barbara Martin. *Mail & Messenger*—John J. Campbell. *Mary Harkness Unit*—Mrs. Harriett Ryan. *Nursing*—Miss Lorraine Betz, R.N.; Miss Helen D. Henry, R.N.; Mrs. Stella Anderson, P.N.; Mrs. Catherine Finnerty (Auxiliary Nursing). *Occupational Therapy*—Mrs. Felice Celikyol. *Protective*—Edwin H. Behlmer. *Purchasing*—Gerard Walker. *Record*—Ruth Carthy. *Social Service*—Agnes Dilworth, Adelaide Vrooman. *Telephone*—Marjorie Clancy. *Vanderbilt Clinic*—Barbara Little. *Volunteer*—Marguerite Stein.

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## STETHOSCOPIA

### ● HERE COME THE BRIDES

*Dr. Harold Baumgarten, Jr.*, Assistant Professor of Administrative Medicine was married to Miss June Schick, on July 26 in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel.

*Jenie Gray Morehead*, secretary in the Dermatopathology Laboratory and *Dr. David Fogelson, D.D.S.*, graduate of the School of Dentistry, Class of '64, also chose The Pauline A. Hartford Chapel as the scene of their wedding, July 17.

*Sharon Lee Breen*, a graduate of the Department of Nursing, and *Dr. Robert Holmes Heissenbittel*, resident in Medicine, were married recently in Tenafly, N. J.

*Diane Townsend Tiffany*, private duty nurse, married *Dr. Robert J. Reilly*, resident in Urology. *Father John K. Hawes*, formerly Catholic Chaplain here, officiated.

*Janet Jackson*, R.N. in Babies Hospital, married Mr. James LaBadia on July 11 and *Margaret Juhas*, will marry Mr. Raymond Rush on August 22.

*Patricia Leitner*, assistant supervisor in Babies Hospital, was married to Mr. Hugh C. Monaghan on July 25.

*Barbara Hill*, R.N. on Presbyterian Hospital 11 East, will marry Mr. Albert Isler of Buffalo, N. Y. on August 29. The couple plans to reside in St. Louis, Mo.

A September wedding is scheduled for *Frances Anderson* of Social Service, and *William M. Sharpless*, an attorney. Mr. Sharpless is the brother of *Janet Sharpless* of Neuro Social Service and the brother-in-law of *Dr. Martha Sharpless* of Babies Hospital staff.

*Sandra Sper* of Sloane Nursery, is engaged to Mr. Fred Hattley. They plan a February wedding.

*Anne Denmark*, R.N. on the staff at Mary Harkness Unit, will marry Mr. Edward Barrett of Mt. Vernon, N. Y. next year.

### ● AND THE BLESSED EVENTS

*Sidney DeBoer*, Assistant Director of Public Interest, and Mrs. DeBoer have a baby son, Dirk Fox, born here July 23.

*Mrs. Ana Zucco*, technician in Parasitology, welcomed a baby boy recently.

*Arthur Littlestone*, Department of Physical Therapy, and Mrs. Littlestone, are the proud parents of twins—girl Jodi Lee and boy Michael David.

*Mrs. Elaine Andrews*, formerly assistant supervisor of Harkness Laboratory, has twin girls.

### ● WHERE THE GRASS IS GREENER

Vacationers from Mary Harkness Unit are *Mrs. Helen Gosline*, in New England, *Gladys Barrett* in Nova Scotia, *Ollie Hill* in North Carolina, *Ruth English* at the New Jersey shore.

*Maria Louiser* is visiting Europe; *Jane Mower* is in Spain; *Geraleen Singletary* and *Anita Jenkins* are touring Europe and West Africa. All these lucky gals work in Clinical Pathology.

### ● WELCOME NEWCOMER

*Nancy Ellis*, O.T.R. has joined the Occupational Therapy faculty as Assistant Professor and Associate Director.

### ● SPEEDY RECOVERY

*Marguerite Shabazian*, Vanderbilt Clinic Information Desk, is recovering from a recent operation at Mary Harkness Unit.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

*Dr. Alfred P. Fishman*, Associate Attending Physician, will leave this month for a year long stay in England as a Commonwealth Research Fellow. For eleven months Dr. Fishman will be at the Nuffield Institute for Medical Research, Oxford, on a study of pulmonary circulation. Then he will spend one month as a member of the consulting staff in medicine at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Dr. Fishman will return to the hospital in August, 1965.

*Dr. Michael Heidelberger*, Professor Emeritus, Immunochemistry, has been named winner of the T. Duckett Jones Memorial Award by the Helen Hay Whitney Foundation. He will receive the \$6,500 award at a meeting of the Helen Hay Whitney Research Fellows in November.

*Dr. Heidelberg*, who retired from Columbia in 1956, will become associated with the department of pathology at the New York University School of Medicine this fall.

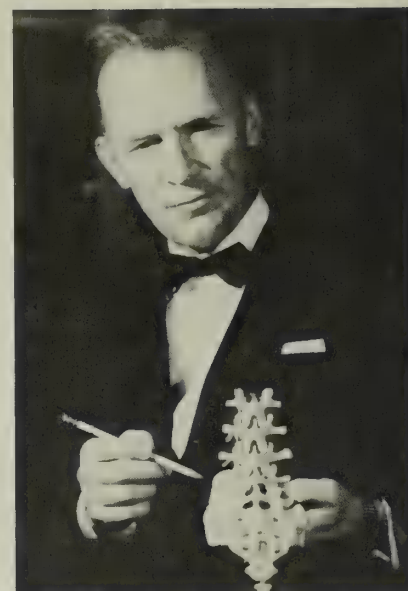
*Dr. Leonard J. Goldwater*, Professor of Occupational Medicine, will deliver the Harben Lectures—1964 at the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, London, England, October 13-14-15.

*Dr. Landrum B. Shettles*, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, has been named a member of The Royal Society of Health, London, England.

*Dr. Bernard R. Fink*, Associate Attending Anesthesiologist, will leave at the end of this month to assume the post of Professor of Anesthesiology and Director of Laboratories at the University of Washington in Seattle.



*Dr. Robert W. Winters*, Associate Attending Pediatrician, is spending two months at the Marine Biological Laboratories, Woods Hole Mass, as a Falar Fellow making a study of intracellular pH in sea urchin eggs.



*Dr. D. Keith McElroy*, Assistant Orthopaedic Surgeon, was recently Visiting Professor at the University of California at Los Angeles. He also participated in a postgraduate instructional course there in which he presented his method of low back fusion by the lateral technique.

*Dr. Raymond L. Vande Wiele*, Associate Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, will deliver a paper at the 2nd International Congress of Endocrinology in London, England. The meetings will take place August 17-22. *Doctors Nicholas P. Christy*, Associate Attending Physician, *William G. Kelley*, Research Associate in Medicine, *Melvin M. Grumbach*, Associate Attending Pediatrician, *Erlio Gursipide*, Research Associate, Obstetrics and Gynecology and *Seymour Lieberman*, Professor of Biochemistry, will also participate.

*Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr.*, Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology, will present two papers at the 2nd Congress of the Peruvian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Lima, Peru, September 6-12. Following this meeting Dr. Taylor will preside at the Congress of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics in Buenos Aires, September 19-26. He is president of this Federation. *Dr. Karlis Adamsons, Jr.*, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, and *Dr. Ralph M. Richart*, Assistant Attending Pathologist, and *Dr. Shettles*, will also attend this Congress.

*Dr. Robert C. Darling*, Director of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, will attend the 42nd Annual Session of the American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation on August 23-28 in Boston, Mass. These will be joint meetings with the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of whose Board of Governors Dr. Darling is a member.

*Dr. A. David Gurewitsch*, Attending Physician, *Dr. Shyh-Jong Yue*, and *Dr. Antonio Cocchiarella*, Assistant Attending Physicians will also attend the Congress.



# SUCCESS OF WEINBERG AID IS MEASURED IN DEGREES

Three Presbyterian Hospital personnel have earned degrees to date with assistance from the Sidney J. Weinberg Employees Educational Aid Reimbursement Plan, which began in the spring of 1962.

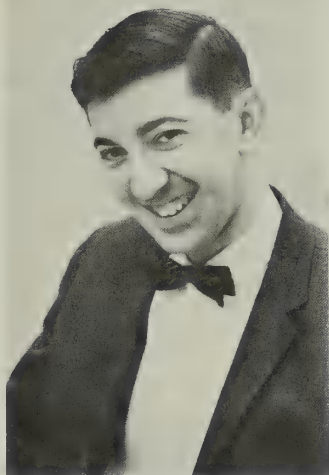
Established on the occasion of Mr. Weinberg's 70th birthday through a \$70,000 gift from the noted Wall Street broker and his friends, the fund reimburses up to half the tuition cost of job-related courses that are satisfactorily completed by a full-time employee.

The three employees are Emmeth Hendricksen and Walter Wilson, laboratory technicians, and Charles Orlando, accountant. All received promotions during or upon completion of their advanced studies.

Both Mr. Hendricksen and Mr. Wilson earned associate in applied science degrees from New York City Community College, Brooklyn. Mr. Orlando received a master's degree in business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Charles Orlando, 30, studied two to three nights a week for 4½ years before receiving his master's degree in June, 1963. His advanced degree earned him a promotion from junior accountant in the Comptroller's Department to supervisor of cash receipts and disbursements in the Assistant Treasurer's Office. He also holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Syracuse University. He resides in Fort Lee, N. J., with his wife and daughters, Elizabeth, 3½, and Alison, 2½.

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CHARLES ORLANDO

## Deadline For Weinberg Aid Is Sept. 30th

Hospital employees hoping to further their education with assistance from the Weinberg Plan must apply for such aid no later than September 30.

Application forms are available now in the Personnel Office, located in the basement of Babies Hospital. Contact Miss Lillian Oring, extension 2331.

Miss Oring said that all full-time personnel who have been employed at Presbyterian Hospital for at least six months are eligible to apply, provided they intend to pursue job-related studies at a school of recognized standing.

The Weinberg Plan reimburses up to half the tuition fee for one to six credits per semester, or the equivalent in non-credit courses.

## From The Mailbag

Both my wife and I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the excellent results obtained by the Open Heart Team who performed the operation on our little daughter. Our child has been coming to Presbyterian Hospital since she was six weeks old—she is now 10½ years of age—and the hospital personnel, doctors, nurses, etc. of the various departments (Pediatrics, Cardiovascular, etc.) have been following her closely all through the years. During the many visits made during this time, which would run into the hundreds, we have always been given wonderful attention, consideration and concern by all the people involved. We fully realize how fortunate we are in having at our disposal the excellent facilities and personnel of such a fine institution as Presbyterian—from the father of a patient in Surgery.

College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Chapter 10, "The Splanchnic Circulation," was written by Dr. Stanley E. Bradley, Bard Professor of Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Director of Medicine at Presbyterian Hospital.

## 500 Open Heart Cases Done, Hartford Support Renewed

The John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc., has awarded a one year grant of \$33,987 to Presbyterian Hospital for continued research in the surgical treatment of heart lesions.

The grant was announced July 30th, the same day when Presbyterian Hospital's open heart surgery team performed its 500th operation.

Ralph W. Burger, president of the foundation, and Augustus C. Long, president of the hospital, said this latest grant brings to \$766,912 the amount provided by the John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc., in support of the hospital's cardiac surgery research program since 1959.

"We are deeply grateful to the Hartford Foundation for the continued support of this important program to help patients suffering from heart defects," Mr. Long said.

Dr. James R. Malm, head of the open heart team, said that the annual number of open heart procedures has risen steadily from 14 during the first full year of the program to the current rate of three a week.

### HELP FOR INFANTS

The Presbyterian Hospital team has also contributed toward considerable progress in the surgical treatment of congenital heart defects in infants. An estimated seven of every 1,000 babies are born with heart disease. Until recent years, it was believed that infants under a year old suffering from heart defects could not be expected to survive. The open heart surgery team has demonstrated that 60 per cent of these infants have lesions which are surgically correctable, or which may respond to certain palliative procedures.

The Hartford Foundation grants for this program have provided funds for the support of professional and technical personnel, special equipment, laboratory and other research expenses and for the care of patients be-



DR. JAMES R. MALM

fore, during and after operation. In addition, it has enabled the team of surgeons, anesthesiologists, cardiologists, pediatricians, radiologists and nurses at the Medical Center to work toward advances in research, surgical procedures and means to treat conditions in which success has not yet been achieved.

## Drs. Fishman and Richards Edit New Medical Volume

The interest of two Medical Center doctors in the origin, discovery and progress of certain of the great ideas in the history of cardiovascular physiology, has led to the recent publication of an impressive volume—"Circulation of the Blood—Men and Ideas."

The idea for this book was conceived by Drs. Alfred P. Fishman and Dickinson W. Richards.

"We wanted to examine the development of ideas in this important branch of medicine and at the same time, bring to life the great men who made the discoveries and progress which

have produced knowledge of cardiovascular physiology," Dr. Fishman explained.

The first chapter in the book, published in April by Oxford University Press, is written by Dr. Andre Cournand, Emeritus Professor of Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. It is entitled "Air and Blood."



DR. ALFRED P. FISHMAN  
Director, Cardiopulmonary  
Laboratory at P&S

The second chapter, "The Output of the Heart," was co-authored by one of the editors, Dr. Richards, who is Lambert Professor of Medicine Emeritus at the

## DO YOU WANT TO LICK TRADING STAMP HABIT?

Are you henpecked?

Do you shop for groceries, rent cars, gas up the jalopy where they give trading stamps?

If so the School of Nursing would like a share in your bounty—they would like you to donate your trading stamps to their Benefit Bridge Committee, who, in turn will obtain additional gifts with them to be raffled at the annual Nursing Students' Benefit Bridge in the spring.

Any type stamps are acceptable—but the preference is for Gold Bond, Triple S or Plaid, as these redeem for the more attractive gifts.

Mrs. Robert Weeks, Jr., mother of Mrs. Carol Wister, third year nursing student, is Chairman of the Gift Committee. She requests that all generous friends of the Student Scholarship Fund bring their trading stamps to Mrs. Sue Cunningham, PH-4-129.



## Irene Choi Vacationed In Peruvian Mission

Petite, vivacious, Korean-born Irene Choi, research assistant in the Sloane pathology laboratory, spent her vacation in a peace-corps type mission in Peru.

Recently returned from a three-month visit to that South American country, where she spent some time at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital Amazonicus, Miss Choi is more than enthusiastic about the wonderful work for underprivileged people being accomplished in this medical mission.

By her own experiences Miss Choi is international-minded. Her life story reads like an odyssey. Born in Seoul, Korea, she emigrated to Shanghai in 1944. When the Nationalists were driven from the mainland she went to Formosa for a five year stay. This was followed by a four year residence in Japan, from whence she came to Knox College in Illinois in 1956.

As Miss Choi tells it, her interest in South America is of long standing. From an ideological and social standpoint, she is concerned with the potentialities of our neighbor continent and in preparation for her trip she studied Spanish during last summer.

Friends of hers recommended that she visit a 20-bed medical mission in northeastern Peru, run by

a German born physician, Dr. Theodore Binder and his bacteriologist wife and modeled after the African mission of Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

Here, in the midst of the jungle, she observed this compound, staffed by volunteers from Europe and supported by contributions

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## WEE WILLY KEELER STARRED FOR YANKEE PREDECESSORS

August is the time of year when a young man's fancy turns to pennant races—and the New York Yankees. The Yankees, whose predecessors used to wallop the horsehide all over the lot where the Medical Center now stands, are either loved or hated—but never ignored.

Half a century ago, the

Yankees were known as the Highlanders, and their contests were held right here on the ballfield then known as Old Hilltop, the highest point on the Hudson River. The Highlanders played here from 1903 to 1913. Those were the days when the ball wasn't quite as lively and the pitchers were the greats rather than the hitters. The most famous of the New York Highlander pitchers was Jack Chesbro.

### DEAN'S ROW — A SURE OUT

On the 1903 team, which wound up in fourth place, George Davis played left field, right about where the Deans' offices are today. Any fly ball hit to Deans' Row, about 300 feet in straightaway left, was a sure out.

Wee Willy Keeler, who later became a Hall of Famer, roamed around rightfield. Keeler was a spray hitter who coined the famous phrase, "I hit 'em where they ain't."

It's interesting to note that the site where today can be found the office of Assistant Vice President, C. Douglas Auty, was about the only vice-presidential area where a drive was sure to go for extra bases. It was 345 feet down the

rightfield line. Home plate was about 30 feet west of the southwest corner of present chapel.

It's a matter of conjecture, but it would seem that in most instances a hit into the Assistant Vice Presidential areas of Dr. Joseph Snyder, Gedney Masten, Dr. C. R. Wise and R. N. Kerst, all 300 feet from home plate in center and left center fields, were easy outs, as was the case with drives lifted into the shorter left center locale of Executive Vice President, A. J. Binkert.

Incidentally, the New York Highlanders were owned by Frank Farrell and Bill Devery. (The latter was the last Chief of Police in New York City. After his reign, they were called Commissioners.)

### DUBBED "YANKEES"

The Highlanders were dubbed "Yankees" in 1913, their last season here, by New York sportswriter Jim Price. The following year they moved to the Polo Grounds, which they shared with the Giants.

At any rate, it looks as though the Yankees are going to do it again in 1964. Us Red Sox fans will just have to accept the time-honored Boston axiom and "wait till next year."

## VERSING A PROTEST

Modern schools place an emphasis on the teaching of arithmetic. Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, today's educators say, are the building blocks required to create a thorough knowledge of higher mathematics, Euclidean geometry, atomic physics. And woe be unto the dunderhead who, in these days of adoration of the mathematician, doesn't aspire to excellence in such lofty confusion.

Thankfully, a voice speaks for us, the mathematical ne'er-do-wells of the land, who cannot so much as calculate the speed of the falling star we wish upon — and wouldn't care to if we could. It is the gentle voice of Mary Wellington, poetess-secretary in the Department of Microbiology, who speaks her protest, as usual, in verse.

### NUMERICAL INFERIORITY

By  
Mary Wellington

Arithmetic is quite a pest;  
The subjects that I like the best  
Are reading, writing, history too;  
And French is nice I think—don't you?  
The trouble is I cannot add;  
At multiplying I'm quite bad.  
Division is so hard for me  
I'd rather write about a tree!  
That two plus two makes four seems fair,  
But more than that gets in my hair.  
The only tables that I know  
I eat upon, or write, or sew.  
My teacher's glad there's just one me,  
Because if there were two or three,  
Or four or five, who can't divide,  
Her troubles would be multiplied!



THIS GAME TOOK PLACE AT OLD HILLTOP FIELD, WHERE THE MEDICAL CENTER NOW STANDS, IN 1908, WHEN WALTER JOHNSON PITCHED THREE GAMES IN FOUR DAYS AGAINST THE HIGHLANDERS AND SHUT THEM OUT.



# Pharmacy Dispenses Tons of Drugs, Millions of Pills

On a recent Saturday the pharmacy of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center received an urgent call from a representative of Air India.

A physician in Bombay, the caller said, had asked the air line to find and rush to him a drug required to save a patient suffering from hyperkalemia (an abnormal accumulation of potassium in the blood). Could the pharmacy supply such a remedy?

The pharmacy could and did. The life of a man in far-away India was spared.

A few months earlier, a Manhattan banker had telephoned the pharmacy seeking help for a child in Mexico City who was in serious condition after being stung by a bee.

Chief Pharmacist John J. Rio promptly referred the banker to a laboratory in Philadelphia which manufactures a bee sting antidote. The lab had the serum flown to Mexico, and the child was restored to health.



**CHIEF PHARMACIST,  
JOHN J. RIO**

These life-or-death pleas for assistance were perhaps the most dramatic of the 50,000 telephone calls received in the past year by the Medical Center's Pharmacy, located in Vanderbilt Clinic.

Although the two instances cited were far from routine, they were handled with routine precision and speed by a pharmacy staff geared to serve the needs of a great medical center and its patients 365 days a year.

"We don't encourage such outside inquiries, but when we receive them, we do

what we can. Many are emergency situations," said John Rio, a 34-year-old resident of West Nyack who assumed the varied and demanding duties of chief pharmacist in January, 1961.

The pharmacy is a busy place.

In an average year, members of its staff fill 250,000 prescriptions for out-patients of Vanderbilt Clinic and another 90,000 requisitions, consisting of some 290,000 "line items," for in-patients of various hospital units of the Medical Center.

"A line item," explained Mr. Rio, "may call for anything from 100 aspirin tablets to 20 gallons of a soap solution. It is usually as much work for us as an average prescription."

## TONS OF DRUGS

What it all means is that, in the course of a year, the staff processes more than a half million individual orders, each one demanding the same degree of attention and efficiency as though it were the only one being filled.

One's impression of the pharmacy's work load may be brought into clearer focus through an awareness of some concrete statistics.

For instance, six tons of drugs and other medicinal supplies go out from the pharmacy each week to the patient floors.

Each year the pharmacy dispenses about 15 million pills, including 1½ million aspirin, 20,000 gallons of soap solutions, 3,000 gallons of mouthwash, 10,000 bottles of cough medicine—and a quarter of a million lollipops, distributed to hospital areas that serve children.

About 15 per cent of everything that leaves the pharmacy is made on the premises, including such items as special ointments and powders, capsules, lotions, suppositories and mouthwash.

## Many Skilled Hands Work In Pharmacy

The work is accomplished by a staff of 12 registered pharmacists, nine other employees and an average of five volunteers, who keep the pharmacy operating every day of the year.

A pharmacist, to be registered, must hold at least a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy and have spent a six-month internship in an accredited pharmacy.

"Some of our pharmacists now are working toward their master's degrees," Mr. Rio stated.

"In hospital pharmacy work, you can't stop studying once you receive your degree. You have to keep abreast of the chemistry, physiology and pharmacology of new developments and innovations of all drug manufacturers, then evaluate each in the light of the job your pharmacy must do within the hospital."



**PHARMACIST ALEXANDER DEEB FILLS BOTTLES OF LIQUID MEDICATIONS TO BE USED IN THE HOSPITAL.**



**ETHEL BENDEL (LEFT) WASHES THE LARGE SIZE BOTTLES FOR HOSPITAL SUPPLIES SUCH AS GERMICIDES AND LIQUID SOAPS. THE TABLET COUNTING MACHINE MUST BE FED BOTTLES AND PHARMACIST HENRI R. ROKASH (RIGHT) KEEPS IT SUPPLIED.**





IRENE CHOI stands above Inca ruins in the Peruvian Andes during her recent three month visit to a medical mission in Peru.

## Nurse's Aide

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During that uncomfortable period following a tonsillectomy, the young patients find a welcome friend and foster mother in Mrs. Shinkerhoff, who makes the short recuperation much more pleasant.

"Sometimes it's hard to convince parents that their children may get along better post-operatively without their presence," Mrs. Shinkerhoff observed.

"Of course that isn't always true, but many times a child seems to respond better to trained hospital personnel than he might to his own parents, because he's apt to exaggerate his discomfort to his parents," she added.

In her home, just a few blocks from the hospital, Mrs. Shinkerhoff oversees a well-organized household. Her seven sons and daughters, ranging in age from 14 months to 18 years of age, actively participate in making the house a home. Each of the older children is assigned regular chores so that the family life will fit around Mrs. Shinkerhoff's 4 to 12 p.m. working schedule at the hospital and Mrs. Shinkerhoff's daytime work as a television technician.

Extensive experience at home obviously has enhanced Mrs. Shinkerhoff's

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raised by the director and his friends. Caring for a tribe of Indians, the Chipibus, and the mestizas (half breed), the small hospital is reserved for emergency cases and the surrounding native-type village houses outpatients and convalescents. Drugs are donated by European pharmaceutical firms. Research is conducted in the hospital laboratory to study various types of tropical fungi.

Although this hospital is not a part of the peace corps program, some of the corps were staying in the village as observers while quarters for a peace corps mission were being completed nearby, Miss Choi explained.

Medical Center connections stretched even into this remote area. Visiting Cuzco in the Andes mountains, Miss Choi saw the Inca ruins, Macchu Picchu, which had been uncovered there in 1911 by Dr. Hiram Bingham, grandfather of David Bingham, P&S Class of 1966.

Her interest whetted by this trip, Miss Choi plans to return south of the border in the near future to Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina to pursue her interest in archeological studies.



MRS. VERONICA SHINKERHOFF

talents in working with children.

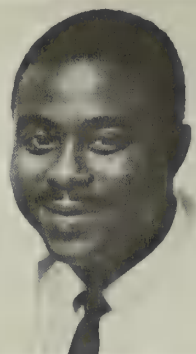
"I've been a nursing aide here for eight years," she explained, "and I still find my greatest pleasure caring for children."

If this schedule sounds as though it leaves little time for leisure, the Shinkerhoffs do their best to strengthen the axiom that the busiest people always find time to do more.

### HAIRDRESSER TOO!

Mrs. Shinkerhoff is an amateur hairdresser, having as her clients her daughters, neighbors and friends

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EMMETH HENDRICKSON

Emmeth Hendricksen, youngest of the trio at 23, was born in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and received his high school education there. He has been employed in the Clinical Pathology Laboratory of Babies Hospital since 1960. Last year, while studying with Weinberg aid, he was promoted from messenger to lab technician. He attended classes four nights a week for 2½ years and earned his degree in February of this year. He is single and lives in Manhattan.

Walter Wilson, 26, rose from lab assistant to lab technician in the Clinical Pathology Laboratory (VC-2) while he was pursuing his degree with Weinberg assistance. He attended high school in Charleston, S. C., and studied business administration for a year at Allen University, Columbia, S. C., before coming to work at the hospital in the summer of 1957. He received his degree in June of this year after attending

who depend on her for their regular "hair-dos".

For added relaxation, the Shinkerhoffs head for Putnam County each weekend, where they are preparing to build their own home. Weekends and vacations are spent clearing the land which Mr. Shinkerhoff bought a few years ago. This also gives them plenty of opportunity to camp out.

"We really enjoy those weekends in the country and all the children pitch in—all except the baby, who voices her encouragement from the playpen," Mrs. Shinkerhoff said.

Reflecting on her hospital work this summer, during which she has been assigned to the east ward on the Presbyterian eighth floor, she commented that the appreciation of the patients is gratifying.

"When I'm away for a couple of days there's nothing I like better than to



WALTER WILSON

classes two to four nights weekly for 3½ years. Married, he lives in the Bronx with his wife and son, Darius, 2.

## PEACE CORPS MD'S ATTEND COURSE HERE

Twenty-three Peace Corps physicians from hospitals all over the United States attended an intensive course in parasitology given July 20-23 in the School of Public Health by Dr. Harold W. Brown, professor of parasitology. The series of laboratory and lecture sessions covered parasitic diseases of the 19 countries in Africa and Asia to which the doctors have been assigned.

"This is the first time such a formal indoctrination has been done," says Dr. Brown. "Formerly, I went to specific areas where tropical diseases are rampant and taught the doctors there. This year I suggested it would be more advantageous to bring the outgoing group together here where Dr. Kathleen Hussey and I have assembled one of the finest collections of parasitic materials available and give them the benefit of seeing our laboratory."

Among this group of interns and residents who have enlisted for a two-year tour with the Peace Corps are Dr. David Davidson, P&S class of 1963, and Dr. Richard Smith, M.P.H., Columbia, class of 1960. Dr. Smith is Assistant Medical Director of the Peace Corps.

hear some of the patients say: 'Only two days? It seemed you were gone much longer than that.' And every so often one of the patients will inquire about some nursing aide who was here a few years back, remembering her name and asking where she is now. Isn't that reward enough for selecting this type of work?"

## Mrs. Gatchell Bids Farewell

Mrs. Marcia M. Gatchell has resigned as Nursing Instructor (Nutrition) in the Department of Nursing. At a farewell tea in Maxwell Hall on July 29 she said goodbye to friends here—but they really aren't convinced she means to stay away too long.

Since she first came to the Hospital in the mid thirties, Mrs. Gatchell has had intervals of retirement that always ended with her return to the Medical Center.

Her first position here was as an assistant teach-



MRS. MARCIA GACHELL

ing dietitian. One of her duties was teaching food preparation to the nursing students.

"In those days the nurses prepared patients' trays in the serving pantries on each floor," she reminisced, "and all the old timers here recall fondly the old cooking laboratory in the basement (now a part of Food Service)."

"Here Miss Young and Miss Lee used to pass on trays at final exam time, when each student assembled a tray in a set time and it was judged for nutritive value and appeal."

Mrs. Gatchell also served as relief dietitian at Harkness Pavilion.

Then marriage intervened and she stayed at home for a while.

1946 saw her active again on the Nutrition Staff, where she filled in short term assignments until 1958. Two years later she accepted the teaching assignment which she left last week "for a long vacation," as she explained.

Perhaps this is really only au revoir?



# Around The World In 180 Days

Dr. Sidney Blumenthal, attending pediatrician, has recently returned from a six-month leave of absence during which he was a Visiting Professor of Pediatric Cardiology at National Taiwan University.

Dr. Blumenthal acknowledged the fact that he was learning as well as teaching.

## TUTORED TEACHER

"My daughter, Peg, and wife, Elaine, tutored me in Mandarin, so the day I gave my last lecture, I gave the last paragraph in Mandarin," he said.

Sandwiched around the visiting professorship was a world tour which took the Blumenthals to Hong Kong, Manila, Japan, Bangkok, India, Pakistan, Israel, Greece, Rome and home.

"The interest the Chinese have in education and culture is tremendous. (The literacy rate in Taiwan is approximately 85 per cent). And the acme in education is medicine. You see, for fifty years under Japanese occupation, residents of Taiwan were prohibited from pursuing graduate education in any fields other than medicine and law. Consequently, the quality of their faculty and students is superb," Dr. Blumenthal said.

## U. S. INFLUENCE

The medical school at Taiwan has approximately the same enrollment as P&S, and the teaching system has evolved from the didactic continental system to the more discussive American system.

Dr. Blumenthal, who is Professor in Clinical Pediatrics at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, explained that the medical students in Taiwan must be able to read and write English, although most of the speaking is done in their native tongue, Mandarin.

"It isn't too difficult to follow a medical lecture in Mandarin, because all their scientific terms are English," he added before saying . . .

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# BLOOD BANK NOTES 25th ANNIVERSARY

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His research assistant in the laboratory was Miss Mary Sargent, who later became supervisor and at the hospital (1938-40) was a brilliant young Negro physician, Dr. Charles R. Drew.

In staffing the new Blood Bank, Dr. Scudder named Dr. Drew as his assistant and asked Miss Helen Young, then Director of Nursing, to select a nurse to aide them.

She named Miss Helen Stoddard, a Canadian-born, Presbyterian Hospital-trained woman who served as head nurse in the Blood Bank until 1945 and, in the words of Dr. Scudder, "established a model of cleanliness and efficiency."

## FIRST DONOR

Dr. Grant Sanger, then an assistant resident, now associate attending surgeon, donated the first pint of blood.

During this time, Drs. Scudder and Drew worked indefatigably on their plasma-shock studies on the wards at Presbyterian Hospital.

Findings in their studies took on international significance in 1940. On May 21, Dr. Scudder wrote letters stating that electrophoretic measurements he and Dr. Theodore Shedlovsky of the Rockefeller Institute made demonstrated the stability of liquid plasma. The protein in plasma, they showed, will not become denatured with age—even in a sample kept on the shelf a full year.

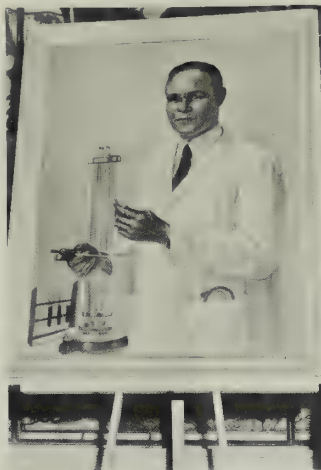
## BLOOD FOR BRITAIN

Dr. Scudder's announcement provoked a number of conferences, which resulted in creation of the well-remembered Blood for Britain project. From then until the end of hostilities in World War II, the history of the Blood Bank and its people is closely related to the nation's plasma procurement programs.

Blood for Britain operated under Red Cross auspices with Dr. Scudder as acting director, then as technical advisor when Dr. Drew assumed the full-time position as medical supervisor.

Presbyterian, the first hospital to do so, began the work of drawing blood for British casualties on Aug. 16, 1940, the very day that the first bombings of London took place.

The late Dr. Frank Meloney, then director of the



Portrait of the late Dr. CHARLES R. DREW, hangs in Red Cross National Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Surgical Bacteriological Lab at Presbyterian, served as a consultant on the project. He and his associate, Miss Balbina Johnson, conducted bacteriological tests here on all the blood drawn in the nine New York hospitals that eventually joined the Blood for Britain project.

On Jan. 17, 1941, only five months after it began, the plasma program ended. England was able to collect blood sufficient to the needs of her own people.

But less than a month later, Presbyterian Hospital and its Blood Bank were again involved in a great blood collecting program. The surgeon generals of the Army and Navy of the United States requested 15,000 units of dried plasma, and a pilot bleeding unit was set up here.

The new project begun here, guided by techniques perfected in the Blood for Britain work, was the beginning of the massive Red Cross plasma program that saved the lives of thousands of Allied fighting men during World War II.

Dr. Drew, who was to die in an automobile crash in 1950, was again called upon

to head up the project. And from Vanderbilt Clinic went out the nation's first Red Cross mobile bleeding unit. Its supervisor was Miss Evelyn Ellwood, a Presbyterian nurse and its physician was Dr. Earl Taylor.

A tribute to Drs. Scudder and Drew for their part in the amazing plasma program appeared late in the war in a pharmaceutical journal (What's New, published by Abbott Laboratories, December, 1944):

"Undoubtedly the story of blood plasma could not have been so readily adapted to the world stage had it not been for the contributions of Drs. John Scudder and Charles R. Drew as a result of their research in blood plasma from 1938 to 1940.

## LIFESAVING PLASMA

"Scudder and Drew were carrying on experimentation in blood preservation and were thus led to the preparation of plasma for transfusion. In the course of this work, a blood bank was set up in Presbyterian Hospital.

"Men whose lives have been saved with plasma, as well as all who stand in admiration before the vastness of the benefits of preserved blood plasma today, will doubtless be interested in the teamwork of the two colleagues whose numerous published scientific investigations set up the model for the massive blood plasma project . . ."

The success of the Presbyterian Hospital Blood Bank also resulted in requests for technical assistance in the establishment of similar facilities where they didn't exist. Consequently, persons from here were instrumental in setting up the first blood banks in Puerto Rico and China. Miss Mary Sargent and

Miss Jean Harris, R.N., went to Puerto Rico and Miss Ruth Derr, R.N. to China.

Since the end of World War II, the Blood Bank has been a leader in its field in devising improved techniques and procedures for the collecting and storage of blood.

One of its most demanding responsibilities in the past few years has been the procuring of fresh, carefully cross-matched whole blood for the hospital's 500 open heart surgery patients.

Last year, 20 per cent of all the bank's blood donors were involved in the open heart program.

To meet the growing demands of the program, the Blood Bank has created a Volunteer Open Heart Donor Club. It now has about 565 active members, mostly Medical Center personnel, who are on call to furnish, without charge, fresh blood of the various types that might be required by patients facing cardiac surgery.

## Blood Bank For Flying Tigers

When casualties began to mount in China fighting during WW II, the Blood Bank received an urgent request for aid from Generals Claire Chennault of Flying Tiger force and "Vinegar Joe" Stillwell.

They told Dr. John Scudder, the director, they needed a blood bank and personnel to operate it.

Two Chinese doctors and a nurse soon arrived here for six months' training in the Blood Bank. They also set up a blood collection station on Mott Street, in the heart of Manhattan's Chinatown.

## OVER THE HUMP

Subsequently, equipment for the new blood bank was flown over The Hump by the U. S. Air Force and was set up at Kunming in northwest China. A Presbyterian Hospital nurse, Ruth Derr, went along with the newly-trained Chinese personnel as supervisor.

Dr. Scudder later visited the unit as a consultant. For his assistance in getting the bank in operation, he was awarded the Order of the Brilliant Star in 1945 by direction of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

MRS. CHARLOTTE GOLD, R.N. signs in and numbers bloods for storage in the Blood Bank.





## STUDENT NURSES RUN BABYSITTING SERVICE

Looking for a babysitter?

Some 100 student nurses at Maxwell Hall operate a babysitting service that can, with advance notice, provide a sitter almost any hour of the day or night.

Personnel and staff members of the Medical Center who wish to take advantage of this service should call LO 8-5600 and leave their name and address.

An application form will be forwarded immediately. Once the form is completed and returned, the interested person will be able to request a babysitter by calling and leaving his name and the hour and date a sitter is wanted. A student who is free at that time will call and confirm the appointment.

Student nurses at the Medical Center have been operating their babysitting service for almost 10 years.

### Dr. Alexander

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lege, A.B., 1923, and Johns Hopkins Medical School, M.D., 1930).

She interned for a year at the Harriet Lane Home of Johns Hopkins Hospital, then in October, 1931 began her long and productive career as a pediatric intern at Babies Hospital.

During the next few years she established herself as an authority on the treatment and cure of infectious diseases in infants and children.

#### LIFESAVING SERUM

She attracted world-wide attention in 1938 by developing here at the Medical Center a serum for Hemophilus influenza meningitis, at the time a frightening and usually fatal childhood disease.

First used on three young patients in Babies Hospital, who ordinarily would have been expected to die, the serum accomplished the desired effect. The three children lived.

From then until 1946, when a commercially produced chemical treatment for H. influenza meningitis became available, the serum Dr. Alexander developed saved eight of every 10 patients who received it, enabling thousands of children to recover and lead normal lives.

A prolific writer, Dr. Alexander has authored or co-authored for leading medical journals in this country and abroad some 70 papers on meningitis, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases.

She delivered the Benjamin Knox Rachford Lectures at Children's Hospital of the University of Cincinnati in 1942, the Alpha Omega Alpha Lectures at Boston University in 1957, the Felton Lectures at Fairfield Hospital for Infectious

### Thomas C. Fogarty Directorship List

In the June issue of Stethoscope, the election to the Presbyterian Hospital Board of Trustees of Thomas C. Fogarty, Chairman of the Board of Continental Can Company, was announced.

Certain inaccuracies appeared in the listing of Mr. Fogarty's current directorships. The correct listing is: Mr. Fogarty is a director of American Sugar Company, Irving Trust Company and Consolidated Edison Company.

Disease, Melbourne, Australia, in 1960, and the Brennemann Memorial Lectures in Los Angeles the same year.

When Johns Hopkins celebrated its 75th anniversary in May of this year by dedicating its new Children's Medical and Surgical Center, she spoke in a special symposium on "The Child."

#### MANY HONORS

Dr. Alexander's outstanding achievements in the field of pediatrics have brought her a number of honors and awards. She is the only active staff member ever to receive the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Distinguished Service Medal. It was presented to her April 19, 1963 during the observance of the 75th anniversary of Babies Hospital.

Her other awards include:

The E. Mead Johnson Award for Research in Pediatrics, presented by action of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 1942.

Medal presented by Columbia University for her participation in the work of the Division of War Research during World War II.

The Stevens Triennial Prize from the Trustees of

## Corneal Research

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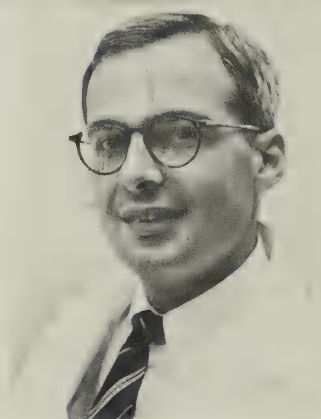
500,000,000 persons — one-sixth of the world population.

Quarters for the Corneal Research Center will be established in the reconstructed fifth floor of the Institute of Ophthalmology. The area contained nurses' living quarters for many years. About 4,000 square feet of new laboratory space will be ready for early next year.

In conjunction with the new research center, the Medical Center's Eye Bank will be greatly enlarged and will significantly increase the number of transplantable corneas it makes available to other hospitals.

"A major part of the new center's work will be an intensified study of corneal transplants, a field in which the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center has pioneered," explained Dr. Arthur Gerard DeVoe, Edward S. Harkness Professor of Ophthalmology, and Director of the new center.

"Such a transplant involves replacing a patient's irreparably damaged cornea with a healthy one taken from the eye of a recently deceased person. For



Dr. Anthony Donn  
Co-Director of Corneal  
Research Center

Columbia for the best essay on any medical subject in a three year period at the College of Physicians and Surgeons; presented 1954.

Distinguished Graduate Citation for achievement in science, presented by her alma mater, Goucher College, in 1954.

Elizabeth Blackwell Award for Women in Medicine, presented in 1956 for work on meningitis.

The Seventh Oscar B. Hunter Memorial Award in Therapeutics, presented by the American Therapeutic Society, 1961.



RESEARCH IN PROGRESS — Dr. George K. Smelser, professor of Anatomy, studies tissues in his research on the eye's cornea at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. He is one of many scientists who will use the nation's largest corneal research center. It is being established by a Government grant of \$1,600,000 to the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons announced yesterday (Sunday). Taking notes is his medical secretary, Miss Karen Mather of Fort Lee, N. J.

30 years, scientists at the Medical Center have been seeking a better understanding of corneal transplantation and improved operative techniques," Dr. DeVoe added.

#### IMMUNE REACTION

Some corneal transplants work, or "take," and remain transparent, while others become cloudy. Certain researchers believe that the same kind of immune reaction the body builds up to "reject" transplanted organs such as kidneys may cause corneal transplant failures. Because of the relative physical ease of studying corneas, these doctors hope much can be learned about the basic mechanisms of immune reactions — knowledge that might be applicable to other body tissues and even organs.

Dr. Anthony Donn, assistant attending ophthalmologist and co-director of the Corneal Research Center, said that basic and clinical research will go forward in:

- Losses in corneal transparency — disorders which include vascularization, when blood vessels grow into the normally clear cornea; and scarring, which may follow injury to or infection of the cornea.

- Development of new surgical techniques, especially as they apply to corneal transplants and implants.

- Corneal prosthesis — perfection of new artificial corneas made of clear plastic and the methods of implanting them in the human eye.

- Virology — through examinations of the many viruses which can infect the cornea and cause blindness.

- Corneal biochemistry — research into the complex chemical structure of the cornea in an attempt to understand how it remains transparent. Very few complex body tissues are transparent.

#### MORE COMMUNICATION

"Recently, corneal investigations have been increasing rapidly in both the basic and clinical fields," Dr. Donn said, "and it has become clear that a greater interchange of ideas and techniques between these two areas would be of great value. Basic advances have reached the point where many research techniques can be applied to the study of patients; and clinical material, in turn, can be helpful for basic studies, especially as many corneal diseases cannot be reproduced in animals."

The new center will coordinate patient care and basic research on the cornea. The scientists will benefit through the availability of first-hand clinical studies and observations. And patients will benefit from the latest improvements in eye therapy.





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## Lungfish Is Like A Fish Out Of Water - Even In Water!

When is a fish out of water not like a fish out of water? When it's a lungfish, according to Medical Center researchers who are studying some of the functions of this strange creature.

Drs. Alfred P. Fishman, director of the cardiorespiratory laboratory, and Wilbur H. Sawyer, professor of pharmacology, are both interested in various aspects of the "Mamba," (the Swahili name given to the lungfish by natives of those regions in Africa where lungfish abound. "Mamba" also means "crocodile").

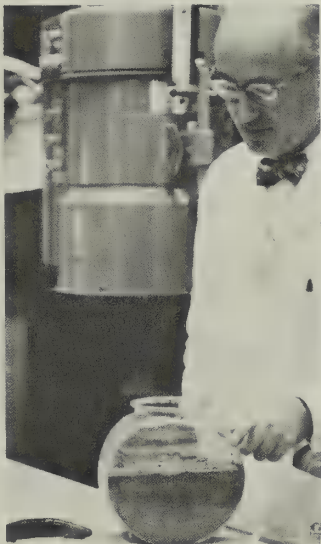
Evolutionists theorize that the lungfish has been around for something like 300 million years. Furthermore, they believe that 300 million years ago, he made the wrong turn along the evolutionary road, which has left him neither fish nor fowl nor good red herring.

In that long, long ago, the water dried up and the ancestors of "Mamba" were faced with the alternative of suffocation or developing a lung. Those that developed lungs survived.

Unfortunately, when they developed their primitive lungs, they didn't attempt to adjust further to amphibious life. Instead, they rolled themselves into a ball in the mud and became acclimated to this rather pointless form of existence. A lungfish can live like this for up to seven years. No other creature could survive such a state.

### COULDN'T CRAWL

Apparently, when the water returned he went back into it. He hadn't developed his fins into legs, so he couldn't crawl. And they aren't much in the way of fins either. Furthermore, he has to surface about every fifteen minutes for air, and if he's kept underwater he'll drown.



Dr. Alfred P. Fishman, who has conducted studies on the lung of the lungfish.

His primitive, simple lung is of interest to some  
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MEDICAL LIBRARY

## New Jersey Mother Is 500th Open Heart Surgery Patient



Mrs. Jeanne Donovan with her son Dennis, at home in Closter, N. J.

When Mrs. Jeanne Donovan of Closter, N. J. underwent surgery here July 30 for the repair of a congenital cardiac defect, it was a milestone not only in her life but in the history of Presbyterian Hospital.

The 38-year-old housewife and mother of three was patient #500 in the hospital's Open Heart Surgery Program, which began eight years ago.

Appropriately enough, Mrs. Donovan's case was an interesting one.

A charming, pretty woman with dark blonde hair and bright gray eyes, Mrs. Donovan was often described by her friends as "a picture of health."

"Appearances can be deceiving though," said Mrs. Donovan. "I kept going around the house, performing the chores that had to be done, but I was tired all  
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## Macy Foundation Gift Endows Obstetrics & Gynecology Chair

The College of Physicians and Surgeons has named Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr. to be the first Willard C. Rappleye Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a new chair created by a \$500,000 gift from the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation.

Dr. Taylor's appointment was announced by Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the medical school. It is effective immediately.

Dr. Taylor, internationally renowned in his field, has been chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at P&S since 1946. He has been director of the Service of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, during the same period. He will continue in both posts.

The new professorship is named for Dr. Rappleye, who was dean of P&S from 1931 to 1958 and is a former Commissioner of New York City Hospitals. He is now Vice President Emeritus in Charge of Medical Affairs at Columbia University and Dean Emeritus of the Faculty of Medicine.

### FOUNDATION SUPPORT

The Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation of New York for many years has shown concern for high standards in the research and teaching of obstetrics. It has as  
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## "Young Mr. Fred" 90 Years Young On August 12th

Telegrams and cards of congratulations went out August 12 from the Nursing Department and various individuals of the Medical Center to "Young Mr. Fred," honorary trustee Frederick Sturges, Jr. on his entry into the exclusive ranks of nonagenarians.  
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## R. W. CARLE, TRUSTEE, DIES

Robert W. Carle, a New York investor and for 51 years a trustee of The Presbyterian Hospital, died August 25 at his estate, Gaywaring, in South Salem, N. Y. He was 89 years old.

Until last year, Mr. Carle had been president of the Cove Investment and Improvement Company, Manhattan.

He was elected to the hospital's Board of Trustees in  
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Robert W. Carle



Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr.



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## STETHOSCOPIA

### ● DOWN THE AISLE

Lynn Louise Mount, student at the School of Physical Therapy, was married to Mr. M. Richard Kaufmann, Jr. of Rockville Center on August 29. The same day Sandra Poole, R.N. on PH 14, became the bride of Mr. John Farr, a teacher at South Kent School.

Margaret Schlitzer, R.N. in Harkness, married Vincent Golden recently and Beverly Fischer, of Social Service, will wed Mr. Irwin Weinstein on November 1. Mr. Weinstein is an assistant principal in the New York City School System.

Susan O'Shea of Medical Information, is engaged to Mr. Douglas Hoskins of Emerson, N. J. Mr. Hoskins is in the Army, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

### ● STORK STOPS

Theresa (McHugh) Lambiase and husband Jerry have a new baby boy; so has Bridgette Billings, formerly in Accounting. Mae Harte, Records, is a new grandmother. Ann Mangan, Patients' Accounts, has her sixth grandchild, Patrick Wheaton. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Salvatore have a new daughter, Louise. Mommy did and Daddy does work in the IBM Unit.

### ● AREN'T WE PROUD

Mary McCabe, Credit Office, celebrated her son William's graduation from New York University Law School.

### ● SALUTE

Lt. Tom A. Brooks, USN, son of Mrs. Fredrica R. Brooks, Public Interest, received the Merit Award from the Defense Language School at Monterey, Calif. for the highest average in the graduating class of 256. He was in the Turkish Section in preparation for his next tour as Assistant Naval Attache, Ankara, Turkey.

Helen Troester, Medical Records, will celebrate her 40th year at Presbyterian on September 10.

Dorothy Kurtz, Medical Records Supervisor, Lillian Penka and Helen Hannon marked 35 years of service recently.

### ● AUF WIEDERSEHN

Richard Dempsey, IBM, who is spending four years with the Air Force. Mrs. Evelyn Taylor, Staff Nurse at Mary Harkness Unit.

### ● OUR SYMPATHY

Stanley Muzleski, Mary Harkness Unit, on the death of brother John, formerly employed by the University in their animal research program at the old Cook Estate (now MHU).

Dr. Curt Proskauer, curator of the Charles H. Land Museum of Dentistry, at the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, on the death of his wife.

### ● LUCKY ONES

Leo Guzzo and Anna Leer of Mary Harkness Unit are still away, he in Florida and she in Amsterdam, Holland. Mary Moore, P.N. on PH 11 E, has returned from a visit to France, Channel Isles, England and Ireland. Breda Calahan, Records, spent 6 weeks in Ireland. In the Volunteer Department Gail Fleischman, Marta Senver and Gail Fishman just returned from Europe, Eileen Quinlan visited Bermuda, Helen Lieberman went to Israel, Ona Whitman was in the Berkshires and Maeve Luddy toured in Spain. Thomas Duffy and Michael McMahon, Maintenance and Construction, are vacationing in Ireland.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

Dr. Frank E. Stinchfield, Director of Orthopedic Surgery, will present a paper, "Arthroplasty of the Hip," on September 11 at a meeting of the South Carolina Orthopaedic Association in Hilton Head Isle, S. C. Dr. Stinchfield expects to attend the meeting in Omaha, Neb. on October 1 of the National Air Force Consultants, of which he is a senior officer; the American Association for Surgery of Trauma on October 2, and the American College of Surgeons meetings October 3-6 in Chicago; the National Institutes of Health meetings in Washington on October 11; the Interurban Orthopedic Association, Rochester, N. Y., October 15, and the Residency Review Committee of the American College of Surgeons in Las Vegas, Nev., October 16, 17.

Dr. John Conley, Attending Otolaryngologist, will conduct a post-graduate course in Head and Neck Surgery at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, November 30-December 12.

Dr. John Scudder, Associate Attending Surgeon, attended the 17th Annual Convention of the American Association of Blood Banks in Washington, D. C. last week. He is now in Stockholm, Sweden, at the 10th Annual Meeting of the International Transfusion Association.

Dr. Clement C. Clay, Associate Professor in Administrative Medicine, spent seven weeks visiting hospitals, schools of public health, medical schools and courses in hospital administration in Mexico, Colombia, Peru and Chile, under the auspices of a World Health Organization Fellowship. Dr. Clay is director of the graduate program in hospital administration at the School of Public Health.

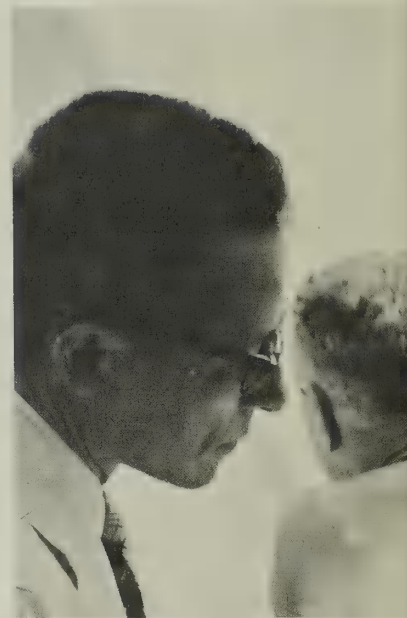
Dr. Anthony N. Domonkos, Attending in Dermatology, presented a paper on "Treatment of Eyelid Cancer" at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, Australia and at the Eye Institute, Melbourne.

Dr. Jules G. Waltner, Associate Attending Otolaryngologist, will discuss Meniere's Disease at the September 24 meeting of the Rudolf Virchow Medical Society at the New York Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Robert W. Winters, Attending Pediatrician, was a Lalor Fellow at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, during July and August.

Dr. Elliott F. Osserman, Associate Attending Physician, presented a paper at the 10th Congress of the International Society of Haematology. The meetings were held in Stockholm August 30th through September 5th. Dr. Osserman's lecture was entitled, "Considerations Regarding the Pathogenesis of the Plasmacytic Dyscrasias."

The Eighth Annual Sandor Rado Lectures will be given on September 25 at 8:45 p.m. and September 26 at 9:30 p.m. at the New York Academy of Medicine. The lecturer will be Gardner Murphy, Ph.D., Director of Research at the Menninger Foundation, whose topic will be "A Cross-Cultural View of Ego Dynamics."



DR. ANTHONY DOMONKOS

The Accounting Department vacationers include J. G. McCullough, who spent his time on his cattle ranch in upstate New York; N. L. Peters was at his summer home in Vermont; W. E. Vanderhaak settled the family in their new home in Stamford, Conn.; Pearl Sneden visited in Washington, D. C.; Alice and Julie Sutton spent a cool and rainy two weeks in Newfoundland; Julie Neuhaus entertained her sister and brother-in-law from Germany at her cottage in the Berkshires; Kay Rywalt was at Virginia Beach; Frank Johnston visited the Amish Country in Pennsylvania as did Hans Arntsen; Blanche Howley returned to her native Nova Scotia for a visit; Helen Foster flew to California to visit relatives; Simone Bethans tripped to Greece; Clare Hanratty had sun and fun in Bermuda; Betty Dixon attended the graduation of her son Donald at Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa; Angie Kelly went to Atlantic City; Kay Pergantis went to Wildwood, and Sally Torres was in Florida.

### ● WELCOME

The Accounting Department has these new members: Patricia Swenson and Jerome Heltzman in the IBM Unit, and Betsy Perl in Accounting.

### ● NEWS ITEM

Children of resident staff, attendings, medical students and professional staff at the Medical Center are eligible to join the Medical Center Nursery Schoolers, a parent cooperative for pre-kindergarten. For further information please call Wa 7-7343 or Wa 8-2485.





THIS COD MAKES MURIEL BETTS A CHAMPION

## There's Lots of Fishcakes In Muriel's Record Catch

Presbyterian Hospital special assignment nurse Muriel S. Betts is a world's champion. And that's no fish story.

While vacationing on Cape Cod, appropriately enough, the 105-pound Miss Betts hauled in a giant codfish weighing 71½ pounds. It is by far the largest cod ever caught by a woman angler, more than twice as heavy as the current women's record in this category of 34½ pounds.

In fact, Miss Betts' trophy catch tops all cod listed in the International Game Fish Association's record book except for the men's all-tackle record, a 74¼-pound cod taken June 2, 1960 off Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

As might be expected, the big cod created a certain amount of interest in the newspapers of "good old Boston, the home of the bean and the cod." A codfish record has returned to Massachusetts, where the golden Sacred Cod hangs at the State House in Boston, a reminder of the great importance of the cod as food for the early settlers and as the "money fish" of the state's famous fishing fleets.

### SUNDAY LUCK

Miss Betts made her magnificent catch on Sunday afternoon August 2 in Cape Cod Bay, off Orleans. She was bottom fishing from a chartered boat, using a 20-pound test monofilament line, when the cod struck her sea clam bait.

The huge fish was brought to gaff by the petite brunette after a 35 minute bat-

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## N. J. Children Donate Play Proceeds To Babies Hospital Cancer Victims

Healthy youngsters of the Delford Park development of Paramus, N. J., played the other day for the benefit of child cancer victims.

The New Jersey youngsters, aged 6 to 12, staged two performances of the famous play "Peter Pan," in the basement of a neighbor's home. They invited the public and sold tickets: 10¢ for adults, 6¢ for children.

Proceeds, accumulated in pennies, nickels and dimes, came to \$13.25. On August 26 the children donated a check for the entire amount to the Babies Hospital, to be used for children who suffer from cancer.

One of the young players was Donna Jursch, daughter of Mrs. Mary Jursch, secretary to Dr. Helen Curth, a Vanderbilt Clinic dermatologist.

# A VICTORY OVER DESPAIR

## Last Call For Weinberg Aid

The deadline for receipt of applications for Weinberg scholarship aid is September 30.

Presbyterian Hospital employees who wish to pursue job-related courses during the Fall semester with assistance from the Sidney J. Weinberg Employees Educational Aid Reimbursement Plan may secure the necessary application blanks now at the Personnel Office, located in the basement of Babies Hospital.

Weinberg aid is available to full-time personnel who have served the hospital at least six consecutive months and who intend to further their education through job-related studies at a school of recognized standing.

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## Invalided Venezuelan M. D., Rehabilitated Here, Now Runs Hospital From A Wheelchair

"The Medical Center, through its skilled staff and its great generosity, has made it possible for me to live a useful, professional life and to continue serving many of my people, who otherwise might be short of medical care. For myself, and for them I say a heartfelt thank you."

Behind this poignant farewell from a young South American doctor, confined to a wheelchair, is a long story of dedication, team-work and spiritual strength which had its beginning in April of 1962. That spring 39-year-old Dr. Jesus Quiroz of Santa Barbara, Venezuela, was brought to the Neurological Institute, a victim of an auto accident in the mountains near his home.

Fate seemed to have written finish to the promising medical career of this chief of surgery at the 75-bed government hospital in Santa Barbara, a small community 400 miles inland from the port city of Maracaibo in northwestern Venezuela.

### SEEKS HELP HERE

Married but two months to a young physician in the same hospital, Dr. Quiroz was brought home to his own hospital after the car crash for immediate treatment of a fracture-dislocation in the cervical area which left him quadriplegic. After three weeks doctors there told him that there was little more they could do to improve his condition and advised him to seek further help in New York, where they recommended that he seek admission to the Neurological Institute.

Facing the limited life which his condition seemed to offer, Dr. Quiroz and his wife took their life's savings and flew here to place him into the hands of a team of physicians for evaluation and rehabilitation.

Courage and hope vied with discouragement and despair during the first few months of the arduous hospitalization.

### SURGERY FIRST

Neurological and orthopedic surgery together with urological treatment were the first order of procedure. A Spanish-speaking Social Worker was assigned to the case to enable the Venezuelan couple to communicate and to help them with personal problems. Mrs. Quiroz was enrolled at Columbia to study English and also to relieve her of the strain of continuous nursing, which she had undertaken when her husband was injured.

Physical Medicine spe-

cialists evaluated the potential of the invalided doctor and, with physical and occupational therapists, worked with him to strengthen the abilities remaining to him. The vocational counsellor also consulted with the patient.

After seven months of hospitalization the couple's funds were exhausted and means had to be found to continue Dr. Quiroz' treatment and to pay his wife's living expenses.

Here the Accounting Department stepped in. Through a grant, funds were made available for the remaining three months of care. The necessary prosthetic devices, wheel chair and other essentials were provided by Social Service and from a special fund of one of the attending physicians.

In February, 1963, Dr. and Mrs. Quiroz returned to Santa Barbara. He had re-

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With a new hand prosthesis, Dr. Quiroz shows the added function to Mrs. Ina Pederson, physical therapist, and Mrs. Felice Celikyol, occupational therapist, who worked with him during his last visit here.



THEY'RE PLAYING  
HIS SONG

The singing porter and songwriter of Maxwell Hall, Johnny Hicks, has been hearing good news from radio stations in this country and Canada. Surveys indicate the disc jockeys are playing his song, "Say You," a love ballad sung by teen-age favorite Ronnie Dove on the Diamond label. One Detroit station reported Johnny's song was number one in listener requests; it was number four on a station in Baltimore, and was moving up the popularity charts on stations in New York City, Toronto, Canada, and other major cities. In fact the song Johnny wrote is proving so successful that he has signed a contract to write Ronnie Dove's next song. "It's already finished and I understand Diamond Records likes it very much," said Johnny. He has entitled the tune "Nothing Out There for Me." It will probably be recorded soon, so start looking for it on the charts.





Dr. Jesus Quiroz and his wife discuss their plans with Dr. John Miller

## A Victory Over Despair

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gained some arm function and very little ability in his hands.

For a surgeon this would seem a very dark picture.

But the attending doctors were not the only ones who evaluated Dr. Quiroz. This courageous man had been considering his own future in the long months of recovery, and he had weighed the possibilities open to him.

### REFUSED DESK JOB

Turning down the offer by his government's health authorities of a desk job; refusing to make a new career in laboratory work as suggested by some of his associates; absolutely dismissing the role of invalid, Dr. Quiroz planned his future in the hospital where his career had begun.

With the devoted aid of his wife and the help of a 17-year-old boy attendant, whose education he is fostering, Dr. Quiroz has assumed the administration of his hometown hospital. He makes rounds in his wheel chair, equipped with a special long stethoscope designed by him to enable him to make clinical examinations. After his 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. day at the hospital he comes home to serve as consultant to his wife in her medical practice. Keeping abreast of new developments in medicine and

## Weinberg Aid

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The Weinberg Plan reimburses up to half the tuition fee for one to six credits per semester, or the equivalent in non-credit courses.

Further information may be obtained from Miss Lillian Oring, extension 2331.

hospital management completes his busy schedule.

In the Latin culture where family roles are severely defined this couple is now able to continue in the accepted pattern. Dr. Quiroz is still the chief support and head of the household while his wife subordinates her professional career to that of spouse and homemaker.

Nor have the rigors of travelling defeated this determined man. He has designed an hydraulic lift and a special chair in which he can board trains and airplanes. With these aids he makes monthly visits to his 71-year-old mother in Maracaibo and reports to his medical directors in that city.

Last month Dr. and Mrs. Quiroz made a return visit here and under the aegis of the hospital, remained for a two-week re-evaluation and new prostheses to give him further use of his hands.

And they visited the Fair before they left.

## Delafield Lectures Begin Soon

The Delafield Saturday Lecture Series of the 1964-65 season will begin on September 26.

Dr. Luigi Gorini, of the Harvard Medical School will give the first lecture on that date at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of Francis Delafield Hospital. His topic will be "Streptomycin and the problem of ambiguity of the genetic code."

## CHAMPION COD CATCHER

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tle. Measurements showed the cod to be almost as tall as its captor: 4 feet 10 inches for the fish, 5 feet 3 inches for the angler.

Miss Betts has submitted the required affidavit and picture to the International Game Fish Association, the body which approves records for fish caught on rod and reel.

There is little doubt that her cod will be accepted as the women's all-tackle record. If the men's record cod was taken on a line with a tensile strength of greater than 20 pounds, it is probable that she will also be credited with a world's record for cod caught on a 20-pound-test line. She automatically sets the women's record in this category.

Miss Betts, who has been on the nursing staff of Presbyterian Hospital since 1947, including 15 years on the urological service, is a native of New Brunswick, Canada, and a graduate of the Montreal General Hospital School of Nursing.

No stranger to rod and reel, she used to fish for salmon and trout on New Brunswick's splendid streams with her father and brother.

By her own admission, she's been "a nut" about deep sea fishing since 1948, when Medical Center employee Bill DeWald, supervisor of attendants, talked her into going along with a fishing party on a chartered boat out of Freeport, Long Island.

"I caught a few fluke and blowfish—and an excite-

ment I haven't lost yet," she added.

Since 1950 she's been vacationing and weekending, whenever possible, on Cape Cod and doing most of her fishing in the Bay.

The avid angler believes that, unknown to her at the time, she broke the women's record for cod on two or three previous occasions when she boated fish weighing 35 to 38 pounds.

"I never studied the record books, so I had no idea how big a cod it would take to break the record," she explained. "The only reason I was aware that this was a record fish was because the captain of our chartered boat believed at first that it might be the largest cod ever taken on rod and reel. It only missed by three pounds."

Incidentally, the commendable cod is by no means the largest fish Miss Betts has caught. She has battled and bested a number of good-sized tuna (a fish noted for its strength and pugnaciousness), the largest being a 325-pounder she hauled from the Atlantic off Provincetown.

But what of the fate of the record codfish? Most people would probably have it stuffed and mounted over a fireplace as a conspicuous tribute to their piscatorial prowess.

Not so Miss Betts.

"That cod is all dressed and in the freezer," she said. "It's too expensive to have a large fish mounted. And besides, I don't have a fireplace in my apartment."



### BUSIER THAN A PAGE OPERATOR . . .

If you want to avoid the cliché "busier than a one-armed paperhanger" to express the epitome of hurried, harried activity, you might try "busier than a Medical Center page operator during rush hours." She's indeed a busy person. Any weekday from 10 a.m. to noon and again from 4 to 5:30 p.m., peak periods for the paging system, an operator may receive up to 265 page requests an hour. It's not unusual for her to dial as many as eight extensions while trying to contact a single physician who is wanted. It's a job that requires great patience, a remarkable memory, quick, well-coordinated hands, and the ability (to paraphrase a famous poem) to keep your head when all about you are losing theirs. Page operators at work in this picture are Mrs. Mary Gaughan, foreground, and Miss Kathy Kelly.

## Practical Nurse Bertha Czaczkes Retires August 31

"This has been a wonderful place to work, like a second home to me for eight years," said the Eye Institute's Miss C as she retired August 31.

Miss Bertha Czaczkes, a licensed practical nurse who said she is usually called Miss C by her co-workers "because my name is hard to pronounce," went to work at the Institute in October, 1956.

A native of Vienna who fled when Hitler's troops marched into Austria, she came to the United States in 1940. During the early years of World War II she took several Red Cross courses in first aid and home nursing.

### LOVES PEOPLE

"The more I learned about nursing, the more interested I became," she said. "I love people and I like to help those who need help."

She enrolled in a one-



BERTHA CZACZKES

year course at the Franklin School of Nursing, Newark, N. J., and emerged as a licensed practical nurse. She worked at the Hospital for Joint Diseases, Beekman-Downtown Hospital, and the old Lutheran Hospital before coming to the Medical Center.

"I wish I had come here first, because I have never enjoyed working any place as much as I do at Eye Institute," she said. "And it is heartwarming to be told by patients how they appreciate what has been done for them during their stay at the hospital."

Miss Czaczkes says she hopes to work part time and intends to use her leisure to catch up on her reading and the opera, to visit museums and to explore New York City.



## SHALOM, SHALOM

An interesting note comes from the Volunteer Department, where many of the Christian members have offered to come in especially to escort Jewish patients to the Holy Day Services in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel.

## From The Mailbag

"I take this opportunity to offer you my sincere thanks for the kindness you showed to me during my stay at the Mary Harkness Unit. I am filled with the pleasant recollections of the effort of all to aid me in my recovery from a recent operation."—from a former patient at Mary Harkness

## Dr. Caffey to Receive Top Pediatrics Award

The former director of the Babies Hospital x-ray department has been elected to receive the highest honor that is bestowed upon a physician by the American Pediatric Society.

### 1965 PRESENTATION

Dr. John Caffey, consultant in radiology to the Medical Center and emeritus professor of radiology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, will receive the John Holland Award during ceremonies next year in Atlantic City.

Announcement of Dr. Caffey's selection as recipient of the award was made during the recent meeting of the American Pediatric Society in Seattle.

As was reported in the July *Stethoscope*, Dr. Caf-

fey recently was elected an honorary member of the European Society for Pediatric Radiology, the first American to be so honored. A recent issue of "Annales de Radiologie," a French journal of radiology, was dedicated to him.

Dr. Caffey, who retired from his Medical Center positions in 1960, was awarded the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Distinguished Service Medal during last year's observance of Babies Hospital's 75th anniversary.

### NOW IN PITTSBURGH

He is presently affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh Medical School and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

## Name Curator of Animal Husbandry



DR. ROSS M. GREY

Dr. Ross M. Grey (DVM) has been named Curator of Animal Husbandry and an associate in Pathology by the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Grey has been research assistant in Pathology under an NIH Health Training Grant at the University of Connecticut for the past two years. He succeeds Dr. Charles A. Slanetz Sr., who died February 4 after serving as Curator of Animal Husbandry for 34 years.

Dr. Grey received the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the Master of Science in Pathology from the University of Connecticut. During World War II he attained the rank of Captain with the 51st Veterinary Animal Service Detachment. From 1953 to 1962 he was in private practice in Woodbridge, Conn.

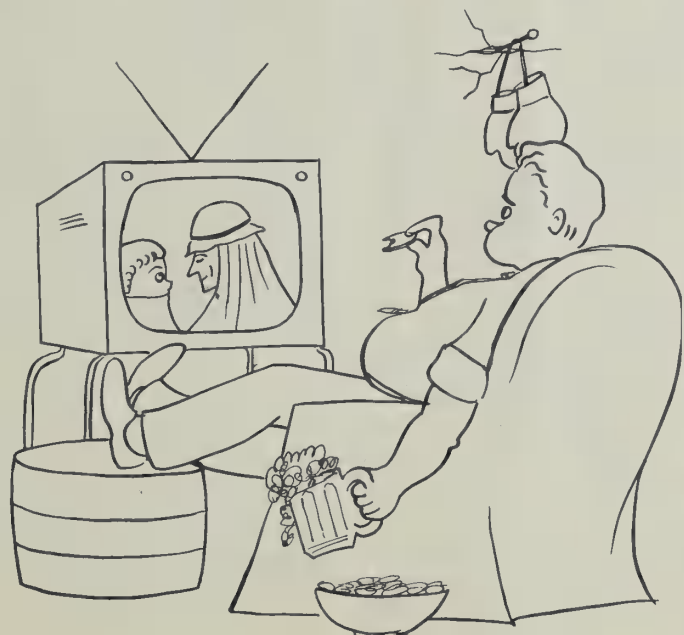
Dr. Grey is 41, a native of Pinehurst, North Carolina. He is married and has four children.

## Squier Admits Patient 60,000

A 53 year old housewife who lives in Washington Heights was patient number 60,000 at the Squier Urological Clinic, which opened its doors to the public on May 7, 1928.

### 10,000 ADMISSIONS IN FOUR YEARS

The rate of admissions to the busy Urology Service has increased remarkably in recent years. Squier Clinic had been in operation for 32 years when the 50,000th patient was admitted in September 1960. Ten thousand additional patients have been admitted in less than four years.



TYPICAL MALE VICTIM OF TV WATCHER'S SYNDROME, IN ACTION

## ENERGY BALANCE WHILE WATCHING T.V.

### CALORIC INTAKE FROM SNACKS

### ENERGY OUTPUT

IN 2 HOURS OF

WATCHING T.V.

CALORIES



SNACKS	CALORIES
1 CUP COFFEE WITH	40
2 TABLESPOONS CREAM	40
2 TEASPOONS SUGAR	40
1 CAN OF BEER	175
1 CUP BUTTERED POPCORN	155
15 PEANUTS	85
1 CHOCOLATE BAR WITH NUTS	370
10 CHEESE CRACKERS	170
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>805</b>



EVER WONDER WHY YOU'VE PACKED ON THE POUNDS SINCE BECOMING A TV FAN? This poster in the Food Clinic, VC-2, gives you a clue. But *Stethoscope* takes the problem a step beyond — and offers a sure cure.

## An R for TV Torso

Some one of these days a medical journal may feature a very learned paper describing a disease, peculiarly American, that was first detected about 15 years ago and now manifests itself in millions of victims.

The author may well call this disease TV Watcher's Syndrome. He'll use this term because it's an affliction suffered by persons who admit spending two or three hours a day gazing at their television screen.

The most apparent symptoms of this alarming malady, he'll write, are sagging muscles, jowls like a bulldog, and cushions of fat in all the wrong places.

To be real graphic about it, male sufferers of TV Watcher's Syndrome, in acute cases of course, begin to resemble a heavyweight boxing champion—ten years after he hangs up the gloves. Female victims look like Gibson Girls—out of harness.

**ED. NOTE:** TV Watcher's Syndrome is *not* to be confused with Weight Watcher's Syndrome, sometimes called "the lean and hungry look." As you can see, the two are about as similar as a fence picket and a dock piling, if you know what we mean.

As far as *Stethoscope* has been able to determine, the disease we're calling TV Watcher's Syndrome hasn't yet been named, described or even identified.

But it's certainly an affliction known to the staff of the Food Clinic on the second floor of Vanderbilt Clinic. They have a poster on display to prove they're aware of it.

### ● THERE'S A SUBTLETY FOR YOU!

The poster we have in mind bears the eye-catching headline: Energy Balance While Watching T.V. Now there's a subtlety for you! What it honestly means in down-to-earth American is: Here's Why You Split Last Year's Bermudas While Reaching For A TV Snack. Naturally, all that would never fit on the poster unless the artist wrote awful small.

Aside from the headline, which carefully observes the niceties, the poster really gets down to cases; more exactly, to calories, which are, of course, those high octane things which keep your motor running.

The most annoying fact the poster points out is that your motor, barely idling while you squat in awe of the picture screen, burns up a mere 158 of these high octane things in two hours of TV watching. We guess this takes into account trips to the refrigerator, quite tiring in their frequency, during commercials—likewise tiring in their frequency.

### ● ROCKING LIKE ONE POSSESSED

Actually, it's those coldbox forays that do you in, the poster suggests. Just one little bottle of beer, the one you reach for dryly as the Foreign Legionnaires pursue the camel rustlers across the sunny, sunny Sahara, throws the scales out of balance. It contains a disgusting 175 calories.

You can rock those off with no trouble, if you have a rocking chair. But you'll have to rock like one possessed if you start popping down popcorn (155 calories a cup) as the excitement of the chase heightens.

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## 2 Nurses Author Journal Articles

Two members of the Department of Nursing have authored articles in the July-August issue of The Journal of Practical Nursing.

Mrs. Lyda Sue Cunningham, B.S., R.N., administrative assistant in nursing, discusses the problem of more nursing staff in her article "I Don't Have Time."

No newcomer to editorial work, Mrs. Cunningham recently had her book "How to Become a Nurse" published by McFadden-Bartell. She is currently working on a romantic novel which she hopes to complete during her August vacation. Also on her writing program is a paper back entitled "What to Do Until the Doctor Comes."

Mrs. Cunningham is a consultant on the editorial staff of The Journal of Practical Nursing.

This month's prize-winning story telling about a memorable nursing experience was submitted to the Journal by Mrs. Stella Anderson, L.P.N. in the antepartum clinic at Sloane.

## An R for TV Torso

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And if you should, heaven forbid, begin munching fondly on a chocolate bar with almonds (270 calories) as the action switches to a sweet scene involving the Sheik of Araby and the captive maiden, why you'll have to buy one of those bicycle exercisers and pedal furiously to catch up with the calories.

### ● NOT TO MENTION BICARB!

At least this is the impression we get after studying the Food Clinic's poster. We perceive too, in our characteristically keen manner, that a victim of TV Watcher's Syndrome probably will also consume during his two hours under the hypnotic spell of the electronic eye some 15 peanuts (85 calories) and 10 cheese crackers (170 calories). Not to mention bicarbonate of soda (more calories, you can be sure).

The poster artist bets the TV watcher will also gulp a cup of coffee with two tablespoons of cream (60 calories) and two teaspoons of sugar (40 more).

Ah, eureka! With this fact in hand, the razor-sharp mind cuts through the layers of confusion—and fat—surrounding TV Watcher's Syndrome.

### ● CLEAR AS CRYSTAL CANDY

The cure becomes as clear as crystal candy (many, many calories!); the coffee should be consumed *immediately upon retiring*.

The well-known stimulating properties of the caffeine will result, you've guessed it, in insomnia for the coffee guzzler, causing him to toss (minus 13 calories) and turn (minus 9½ calories) like a camel rustler staked to an anthill. And these joyless frolics may well continue through a long, long sleepless night.

Thus as the run rises slowly in the East, the erstwhile victim may step, bleary-eyed but triumphant, onto the scales, confident that he has conquered energy imbalance, the real culprit in TV Watcher's Syndrome—and that last year's Bermudas may serve another day.

**ED. FINAL NOTE:** They may even be worn in public if the split seam is basted (minus 7.17 calories) or, better still, stitched (minus 20.005 calories).

## DR. JAMES I. MULLAN IS DEAD



DR. JAMES MULLAN

Mrs. Anderson, a resident of Hackensack, N. Y., was floor nurse on the gynecology ward for seven years before assuming her present position in 1955. She is a graduate of the Harlem (N. Y.) YWCA School of Practical Nursing.

### Promising Dentist Was 25 Years Old

Dr. James I. Mullan, 25, a promising young dentist who received a medal for proficiency in pedodontics when he was graduated in June from Columbia's School of Dental and Oral Surgery, died suddenly August 12 in Boston.

He had commenced an internship in pedodontics just six weeks earlier at Boston Children's Hospital.

A resident of Brooklyn, Dr. Mullan received a bachelor of science degree in 1960 from St. Peter's College, Jersey City, N. J., and a doctor of dental science degree in June from the School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

### SKILLED ATHLETE

He was a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon (the honorary dental fraternity) and Psi Omega Dental Fraternity. He also belonged to the New York Athletic Club where he excelled in tennis and squash and was a champion swimmer.

A funeral mass was held August 17 in St. Francis Xavier Church, Brooklyn, and a memorial mass the next day in the Catholic Chapel of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, N. Y.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mullan of Brooklyn, three brothers and two sisters.

## Miss E. Kneeland Was Prominent In Women's Auxiliary

Miss Edith Kneeland, honorary secretary of the Presbyterian Hospital Women's Auxiliary, died July 20 at her Manhattan residence, 901 Lexington Ave. She was 87.

She was a member of the old Vanderbilt Clinic Auxiliary and its secretary for many years until 1947, when she resigned. In recognition of her long and dedicated service to the auxiliary, she was designated as honorary secretary. Miss Kneeland retained this title when the Vanderbilt Clinic Auxiliary was renamed the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Hospital in 1949.

### SURVIVORS LISTED

Since 1951 she had been a member of the Presbyterian Hospital Corporation. She was also active in the Cosmopolitan Club of New York City. For many years, her primary interest had been the piano.

Among Miss Kneeland's survivors, besides a sister, Mrs. Williamson Pell of Rye, N. Y., are a nephew, Dr. Yale Kneeland, Jr., attending physician at the hospital, and a niece, Dr. Virginia Kneeland Frantz, consultant in surgery.

Funeral services were July 22 at the chapel of St. George's Episcopal Church, Stuyvesant Square.

## Nurses Complete Active Duty With U. S. A. F. Reserve

Two Presbyterian Hospital nurses recently returned from two weeks of active duty as nurse-officers at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

They are Joanne Meier, head nurse in the operating room, and Frances L. Pearson, staff nurse on 9-Center. Both are first lieutenants in the Air Force Nurse Corps Reserve.

The nurses, who joined the staff here together last October and are room mates, first met while they were on two years of active duty at Travis Air Force Base in California.

Miss Meier is an Iowan and was graduated in 1958 from Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Waterloo. Miss Pearson is a native of Florida, a 1959 graduate of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Jacksonville.

During their stint of active duty at Wright-Patterson, August 1-15, the reserve nurses spent a week in field training, a second week in training Air Force medical corpsmen.

They are assigned to the 635th USAF Hospital, Mitchel AF Base, Garden City, L. I. Mission of the reserve hospital, which exists only on paper, is to establish and maintain, in case of national emergency, a 1,000-bed hospital.

## BOWLERS WANTED

Employees interested in playing in the Medical Center Bowling League should leave their name, home phone number and address, plus hospital extension with Dave MacDonnell, HP-1-44.

### COMPETITION BEGINS FRIDAY

Competition will be held at 6:30 p.m. each Friday, beginning Sept. 11, at Stadium Lanes, Bronx. The season will last about 32 weeks.

It is hoped that the league will have 14 to 16 teams, with four members and a substitute on each team.



**WHILE OTHERS HEAL YOUNG PATIENTS, THEY TEACH AND ENTERTAIN**  
Important members of the team which insures the overall well-being of Babies Hospital patients are the teachers and recreational therapists. While doctors, nurses and technicians work to restore the child to good health, these women contribute to his academic education and to his emotional acclimation to the hospital environment. Assembled for a group picture as another school year begins are (seated) Mrs. Frieda Dankwerth, volunteer director of music therapy, left, and Mrs. Lillian Graham, public school teacher on the children's orthopedic floor; (standing, from left): Winifred Karp, assistant recreational therapist; Mrs. Eva Hoffman, recreational therapist on the children's orthopedic floor; Ruth Vickers, director of recreational therapy, and Rosalie Castagnetta, public school teacher in P.S. 401-X, the classroom maintained by the City of New York at Babies Hospital.



# 500TH OPEN HEART CASE PERFORMED

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the time. Just generally exhausted."

The reason for her chronic exhaustion was an atrial septal defect, a hole larger than a silver dollar between the two receiving chambers of her heart which prevented normal circulation of oxygenated blood through her system.

"I was born with the defect," she explained. "When my parents learned something was wrong with my heart, they took me to every doctor imaginable, but there was nothing that could be done about it in those days."

The heart defect was something she learned to live with. "I was told I couldn't engage in strenuous physical activity, so I didn't. For example, I never took gym in school. But I can't recall that the defect caused me much difficulty—except that I had to go to doctors all the time."

And as she entered adulthood, she continued to lead a relatively normal life. In 1949 she was married—to Robert F. Donovan, a Manhattan advertising sales executive and son of the current mayor of Englewood, N. J.

## MORE DONOVANS

Soon there were little Donovans. Daughter Alison arrived in 1950, followed by sons Dennis, now 8½, and Thomas, 4. And there was also a seven-room split-level home in Closter to care for.

During all these years, Mrs. Donovan continued periodic visits to her family physician in New Jersey. Last September the doctor cautioned her that he detected a change in her electrocardiogram. A change for the worse.

"I wasn't surprised," admitted Mrs. Donovan. "I had been feeling more exhausted than ever. Every little chore was an effort. I guess I was getting sick and tired of being sick and tired."

Referred to the Medical Center by her physician, Mrs. Donovan soon had an interview with Dr. James R. Malm, director of the Open Heart Surgery Program.

"Dr. Malm told me my heart condition was getting worse and that without total correction through open heart surgery my life expectancy would be shortened," Mrs. Donovan said.

On July 30, during a four-

hour operation, the surgical team repaired the septal defect, making her heart sound for the first time in her life. Mrs. Donovan's post-operative recovery was uncomplicated and she returned home to her family 17 days after surgery, happily anticipating life without exhaustion.

In an interview on the day before she left the Hospital, Mrs. Donovan took occasion to reflect on her experience.

## SEEMS UNREAL

"As I look back and realize that my heart has been opened and repaired, that for over a half hour a machine performed the normal functions of my heart and lungs, I can hardly believe that it happened to me," she said.

"Perhaps I should have been afraid before the operation, but I wasn't. I didn't worry at all. I knew that it had to be done and I had confidence in the doctors, nurses and technicians on the open heart team. But I still think such surgery is amazing."

Open heart surgery was regarded as a major scientific breakthrough when it was first performed and described about a decade ago. Presbyterian Hospital entered the field late in 1956 and only three open heart procedures were performed that year.

## HARTFORD GRANT

A generous grant was received in 1958 from the John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc., which to date has contributed \$766,912 for research in the surgical treatment of heart lesions. It has been the principal source of financial support for the costly open heart program.

The frequency of open heart operations increased gradually during the early years of the program here. There were 14 such surgical procedures in 1957, 20 in 1958, 28 in 1959. Then in 1960 there was a sharp increase to 54 cases, followed by a rise to 85 cases the next year.

Rapid developments in the equipment necessary for open heart surgery and improvements in surgical techniques allowed for the safe and efficient expansion of the hospital's clinical program in 1960-61, according to Dr. Malm, who has

been director of open heart surgery here since Jan. 1, 1960.

For example, he said, the present heart-lung machine, a notable improvement over earlier models, became part of the hospital's standard equipment in May, 1960. It was a gift from the Hartford Foundation.

## RECOVERY ROOM

The specially constructed cardiac recovery room, where patients receive the necessary intensive post-operative care from a staff of carefully trained nurses, was first put into use in mid-1959 and by early 1960 was in full and efficient operation.

He paid tribute to the Volunteer Open Heart Blood Donor Club, which operates under the aegis of the hospital's Blood Bank and has contributed immeasurably to the success of the open heart program.

## 565 MEMBERS

Created to meet the increasing demands of the program, the blood donor club has about 565 active members, mostly Medical Center personnel, who are on call to provide, free of charge, fresh blood of the various types required by open heart patients.

## THE STRANGE LUNGFISH

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medical scientists like Dr. Fishman. Dr. Sawyer, who went to Lake George in western Uganda, Africa to collect some lungfish, is studying the kidney response to pituitary hormones in the lungfish.

The lungfish seems to be the closest form to the extinct link between fish and the first land animals. He has the remarkable ability, which would soon prove fatal to any other creature, to roll up in mud during hot, dry seasons, and survive while the mud cakes hard and dry, his kidneys stop, and all products of his metabolism pile up in his blood and tissues. Then he re-activates all his normal body functioning when returned to water.

He also has the dubious distinction of being fiercely cannibalistic. The lungfish at the Medical Center are about 10 inches long and must be kept in separate

## CHEZ HARKNESS A MUST

A recent patient in Harkness, Mr. Hard, who is a travel editor, wrote the following letter to friends on the editorial staff at Reader's Digest who sent him flowers during his hospitalization.

"Someone—was it Casey Stengel?—has said that New York is a Summer Festival. True enough, but it is far more than that. As Travel Editor of *Holiday*, I am glad to inform prospective visitors to the Big City that New York is also a place where the knowledgeable can find Old World charm and repose.

"Travelers of refined taste will be delighted to spend several days at Chez Harkness, a spacious hostelry perched atop a picturesque hill in northwest Manhattan. Here the Norman style of the French châteaux has been modified to blend into the surroundings. This noble pile of parti-colored brick, weather-mellowed into pastel shades, forms an effective transition between the *ancien cité* of Harlem just below and the soaring spires of the George Washington Bridge.

"The views from lofty Chez Harkness are in themselves sufficient reason for a pilgrimage. On one side one may see cars, colored every tint of the rainbow, crawling along the West Side Highway. On the other side one discerns, on a clear day, the mighty smokestacks of the Con Ed power station on the East River.

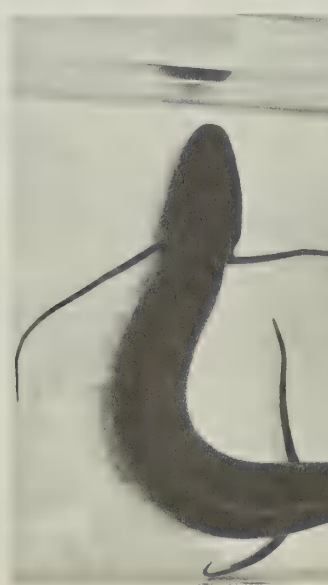
"Every experienced traveler is a gourmet, and for gourmets—or gourmands, for that matter—Chez Harkness must rate among the very top 400 in northern Manhattan. There is a wide choice of delectable dishes magically concocted of exotic ingredients gathered from all over New York and even New Jersey. (*Holiday Special Tip*: Don't miss the Country Fresh Eggs! Yummy!)

"Once you are comfortably ensconced in your spacious room in Chez Harkness, you need never leave it—every room has running water. However, you will probably want to go along on several of the interior tours organized by the management. These trips, under the aegis of well-informed guides, take you to special areas where fascinating modern technical equipment has been set up for experimentation.

"In contrast to the slow and seemingly unwilling service one encounters at many modern hotels, the employees of Chez Harkness tumble over one another day and night in their eagerness to be helpful. There are many special refinements not widely encountered. For example, one employee appears from time to time with a thermometer, to find out if your air-conditioning is working properly. And there is a demoiselle whose duty it is to hold your hand, or wrist. This is personalized service at its best.

"Yes, New York may be a Summer Festival, but for a festive interlude one should try Chez Harkness—especially when one's room is made resplendent by your much-appreciated roses. Many thanks."

containers so they won't kill each other. Even that small they have powerful jaws and sharp teeth. In their



native Africa, they grow to well over five feet in length and up to 100 pounds and develop massive, dangerous jaws. Perhaps the lungfish is a crocodile who never quite made it.

As one visitor to the London Zoo observed after watching an eel-like lungfish for a few moments:

"E's a stryngge bird this 'ere lungfish."

Lungfish relaxes in his private pool, perhaps content to simply arouse the curiosity of those who wonder about his static existence for the last 300 million years.



## Mr. Carle Aided Rehabilitation Of 200 Infants

Robert W. Carle, who during his 51 years as a Presbyterian Hospital Trustee was noted for his generosity in behalf of this institution, was largely responsible for the rehabilitation of over 200 children who might otherwise have been social outcasts due to cleft lips and cleft palates.

In the early nineteen-thirties, it became apparent that the hospital could not continue to bear the financial burden of providing free care for the large number of patients requiring hospitalization and surgical repair of cleft lips and palates. This work was being done with outstanding success under Dr. Henry Sage Dunning.

### ESTABLISHED FUND

When he learned of the financial problems involved, Mr. Carle established the Cleft Palate Fund to pay for the hospitalization of underprivileged children requiring oral surgery; Mr. Carle wrote to his friends who lent financial support to this project.

"As you probably know, these important operations should be performed when the infant is young, as the baby is generally useless until the fault is corrected; otherwise, they enter life's battle without being able to talk and are almost always illy nourished."

From 1934 until 1945, when the Board of Women Managers of Babies Hospital took over support of this fund, 168 children were provided this oral correction for a normal life.

### Lewis Koster Wins Photography Prize

Lewis Koster, photographer in the Department of Pathology, is the recipient of a 1964 annual award for excellence in biomedical photography by the Biological Photographic Association. The honor was given at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Association at the Hotel Roosevelt, August 24-27.

Mr. Koster had charge of the Commercial Exhibits at the meeting of this professional society which is dedicated to progress in the visual disciplines of biomedical communications. His winning entry was a monochrome print entitled "Cloudy Degeneration of Muscle Fibers in Myoglobinuria."



Young orthopedic patients forget their cares and woes while engrossed in watching a children's program.

## SANTA'S EARLY THIS YEAR

Santa made a return visit to the Babies Hospital this month!

He brought a summer-time dividend—two 23 inch T.V. sets for the amusement of small patients here, donated through the generosity of the Children's Christmas Fund of radio station WOR.

A friend of the children here for the past 10 years,

the Fund supplies articles of clothing, toys and layettes to Babies Hospital for distribution at Christmas. It obtains its funds by solicitation on the air beginning in October of each year and distributes its largess of Christmas gifts to children in hospitals throughout the city.

Miss Elizabeth Callahan,

unit manager at Babies, placed the attractive new sets in the wards on the 5th and 10th floors.

"Children on these floors are surgical cases and rarely get to the Play Floor," she explained. "The entertainment and recreation furnished by television makes their post-operative course a lot happier."

## MR. CARLE

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1913 and in the 51 years since then had served the board with remarkable diligence and dedication.

In May of 1963, on the occasion of his 50th anniversary as a board member, his fellow trustees unanimously adopted a resolution expressing wholehearted and profound appreciation for his many outstanding contributions to the hospital.

### INSPIRING RECORD

The trustees honored Mr. Carle's service saying: "Mr. Carle has created an inspiring record of dedication and diligence in his service to the hospital."

"His abiding interest in the welfare of this institution, its staff and patients has been manifest," the resolution continued.

The trustees went on to laud Mr. Carle saying: "He has beautified the hospital with treasured works of art; he has endowed beds and a room for the benefit of the sick and the needy; he has been generous in countless ways with his talent, energies and support."

"It is with pride," the trustees concluded, "that we note this golden milestone and salute a dedicated and

beloved colleague."

He was an 1897 graduate of Yale University, where he was a classmate of Edward S. Harkness, the Medical Center's greatest benefactor. Among his other Yale classmates were Dr. William Darrach, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1919-30; Dean Sage, President of the hospital, 1922-43; Thatcher Brown, a trustee and honorary trustee of the hospital, 1907-54, and Dr. Frederick Tilney, director of Neurological Institute, 1935-38.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Duncan Edwards of Greenwich, Conn.

## ENDOWED CHAIR

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sisted in the support of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in its program of research in human reproduction. It also has supported a variety of research and teaching programs at P&S: in aging, administrative medicine and graduate medical instruction.

Dr. Taylor is 64, a New Yorker who attended the Yale Sheffield Scientific School and received his M.D. degree from Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1924. He

## MR. STURGES

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The birthday messages were expressions of the affection and respect with which persons here regard Mr. Sturges, who has been affiliated with the Presbyterian Hospital since 1905, when he was elected to the Corporation.

An honorary trustee since 1955, Mr. Sturges is also an honorary member of the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association. For the past eight years he has contributed generously toward nursing

was on the faculty of New York University from 1935 to 1946, first as an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology and later as chairman of that department. He has been at the Medical Center for the past 18 years.

Dr. Taylor was president of the American Cancer Society in 1954-55, is now president of the International Federation of Gynecologists and Obstetricians, and has been honored by membership in world-wide medical societies. He is editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

## Volunteer Tea In Maxwell Hall September 10th

Volunteers who have served during the summer and in the evening will receive their Presbyterian Hospital and United Hospital Fund awards at a tea in Maxwell Hall on September 10, from 5 to 7 p.m., according to Mrs. Marguerite Stein, director of volunteers. About 150 Volunteers are expected to attend this event.

Service certificates and pins will be presented to junior volunteers, who worked here during the school year and vacation, and to those evening volunteers who have not been able to attend the regular Annual Volunteer Tea.

In July the Volunteers contributed a record one-month total of hours, 15,097, an increase of 409 hours over July, 1963.



Mrs. Marguerite Stein will present awards at the Fall Tea.

scholarships and has been host here at an annual luncheon for the student nurse recipients of his scholarship aid.

He carries on a family tradition of interest in the welfare of the hospital which goes back almost a century to 1868, when his grandfather was an incorporator at the founding of the institution.

His father, Frederick Sturges, was a former president of the hospital during his 40 years of service. Because Mr. Sturges, Jr. bears the name of his father, he has been known affectionately around the Medical Center as "Young Mr. Fred."

Like many vigorous persons who attain the age of 90, Mr. Sturges remains very active; he still goes to his Wall Street office two or three days a week. His home is in Fairfield, Conn.





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Head Dietitian Marion Mike coaxes a carefully balanced meal into a little patient at Babies Hospital.

## Dietitians Combine Skill Persuasion and Ingenuity

A cola drink may not sound like a proper meal for a sick child, but when it's served by Miss E. Marion Mike, you can be sure it helps to fulfill the youngster's dietary requirements.

Head dietitian in Babies Hospital since 1947, Miss Mike (pronounced Mickey) admits she occasionally has recommended some unusual nourishment, including a cola-spiked liquid diet, for the hospital's patients over the years.

She quickly added, however, that such digressions from a standard diet are the exceptions, not the rule.

"We normally serve our sick youngsters the conventional, well-balanced meals you would expect," Miss Mike explained. "But such a meal does a patient no good if he can't or won't eat it. Then again, there are popular foods which cannot be digested by some children, especially those with certain inborn errors of metabolism.

"In such instances, we have to modify the diet to fit the particular patient."

Because a sick child is often a fussy eater, Miss

Mike and her staff of four dietitians and a diet aide spend much time with these patients, striving to adapt the master menu to his individual tastes and needs. They gauge the success of their efforts by observing the children at mealtimes.

The considerations which determine what foods a specific child will receive in-

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## NEW LAB WILL BE NAMED FOR STATEN ISLAND BOY



Dr. Melvin D. Yahr

### Chemical Bank Offers Us New Thursday Hours

The Audubon Branch of the Chemical Bank, used by numerous Medical Center personnel, will revise its Thursday banking schedule during a four-week test period this month.

Instead of closing at 4 p.m. each Thursday, as is the usual procedure, the bank will close at 3 p.m., then open again from 4 to 6 p.m. on October 8, 15, 22 and 29.

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A modern medical research laboratory will soon be named after a handsome little boy from Staten Island who died of a rare disease in 1961. Peter Cass was 10 years old when he succumbed to a rare neurological disease. The Peter Cass Memorial Laboratory will be located in the new, 17-story William Black Medical Research Building at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

### CHILDREN GIVE

A group of neighborhood youngsters, who were Peter's friends, gave the first modest impetus to this \$20,000 project. They had a club which met regularly at Peter's home. After Peter died, his friends emptied the club treasury, \$46.35, wishing to donate it in his memory.

Peter's mother, Mrs. William Cass, sent the money to her son's doctor and friend, Dr. Melvin D. Yahr. His acknowledgment of this small gift commended Mrs. Cass for her interest in wanting to help in the establishment of the new William Black Research Building.

"I was touched by Dr. Yahr's letter," Mrs. Cass said, adding, "after reading it I decided to undertake a personal campaign which would help medical research in childhood diseases."

### CONTRIBUTIONS GROW

That original \$46.35 has been increased to almost \$5,000, through the generosity of friends, neighbors, business associates and even some total strangers who have heard of the Peter Cass Memorial Fund.

"I had read about Mr. Black's wonderful contribution of \$5,000,000 toward construction of a new medical research building at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, and felt



Peter Cass

that if one man can feel so strongly about helping his fellow man certainly the rest of us should pitch in," Mrs. Cass explained.

### ALWAYS KIND WORD

"During the five years that Peter was ill, we had come to know the Medical Center. When Peter was in Babies Hospital, everyone there seemed always to have time for a kind word; not only the doctors and nurses, who were so helpful, but the policeman and elevator operator and volunteers—just everyone. We felt very strongly that we wanted to help in the work that is done at the Medical Center. We were interested especially in contributing toward research that will keep going on, and will uncover new medical knowledge to help cure some of the childhood diseases that still can't be cured," she added.

### FAMILY PROJECT

Mr. and Mrs. Cass (he is a partner of Fanning Personnel, Inc. in New York) and their three daughters, Patti, April and Melody, all take a great interest in this project and participate in varying degrees in their family campaign to make this new research laboratory a reality.

### CAMPAIGN NEARS \$42,000,000

The Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Campaign, seeking \$50,000,000 for major construction and endowment, has reached \$41,690,956, Gen. Lucius D. Clay has announced.

General Clay, who is general chairman of the development committee, expressed the committee's profound gratitude for the recent generous gifts of \$7,000,000 from the James Foundation to Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University.

From these gifts, \$5,000,000 will benefit the Medical Center Develop-

ment Program. There is much visible evidence at the Medical Center of development program progress. The Service Building has been in operation for almost two years. The new William Black Research Building and the Alumni Auditorium are nearing completion. Construction for the new radiotherapy center will begin in the near future, and plans for the Augustus C. Long Medical Library, Babies Hospital renovation, and the Doctors' Private Office Building are on the drawing boards.



**REPORTERS:** *Accounting*—Elizabeth Dixon. *Blood Bank*—Susan Rubin. *Building and Grounds*—Margaret Muccilli. *Chaplain*—Robert B. Reeves, Jr. *DOS*—Mrs. Florence Moore. *Eye Institute*—Grace Robles. *Housekeeping*—Rosina Wallace. *Laundry*—Mary Minsky. *Library*—Barbara Martin. *Mail & Messenger*—John J. Campbell. *Mary Harkness Unit*—Mrs. Harriett Ryan. *Nursing*—Miss Lorraine Betz, R.N.; Miss Helen D. Henry, R.N.; Mrs. Stella Anderson, P.N.; Mrs. Catherine Finnerty (Auxiliary Nursing). *Occupational Therapy*—Mrs. Felice Celikyol. *Protective*—Edwin H. Behlmer. *Purchasing*—Gerard Walker. *Record*—Ruth Carthy. *Social Service*—Agnes Dilworth, Adelaide Vrooman. *Telephone*—Marjorie Clancy. *Vanderbilt Clinic*—Barbara Little. *Volunteer*—Marguerite Stein.

Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox.

## STETHOSCOPIA

### WEDDING BELLS

Recent brides include *Roseanne Caponnetto*, Assistant Dean's office, who became the wife of Robert Pozzioli; *Brenda Wilson*, Personnel, married to Joseph Mazlo; Miss Suzanne Cody Murray, who was married to *Peter Barth Polatin*, first year medical student and son of *Dr. Phillip Polatin*, clinical professor of Psychiatry at P&S; Miss Janice Miriam Bozbeckian, wed to *Dr. Robert James Touloukian*, resident in Surgery; *Mary Flaherty*, Nursing Department, married Thomas Massar.

*Carol Leary*, Associate Dean's office, will marry Mr. Robert Smith October 17. Mr. Smith is with the Lamont Geological Laboratory of Columbia University. *Robert Mitchell Russell*, second year medical student at P&S, is engaged to Miss Sharon Elaine Stanton of Syosset, L. I.; *Nathaniel Reichek*, senior medical student is betrothed to Miss Carolyn Hirsh of Manhattan; *Dr. Roebert J. Shofer*, Research Fellow, will marry Miss Cynthia Schachter of New York next month; *Heleen Ashhurst Eggleston*, School of Occupational Therapy, will marry Mr. Daniel W. Benson of Fairfield, Conn. in the spring.

### BABY PARADE

*James Barbookles*, Engineering Department, and Mrs. Barbookles welcomed a daughter, Lucille; *Eugene T. Cleary*, Administrative Assistant-Projects, and Mrs. Cleary have a new son, Brian James, their third child; *Charles Schnebel*, Engineering, and Mrs. Schnebel welcomed daughter, Kerry Jean recently.

### WELCOME ABOARD

*Rita Gazarik*, *Elizabeth Lubetkin* and Mrs. *Charlotte Smith*, new in Social Service; *Christine Janelli*, in Department of Urology; *Ronnie Gardner*, P&S Personnel.

### FAREWELL

*Anne Murray*, P&S Personnel; *Beatrice Lynch* and *Elizabeth Barclay* retired from Department of Nursing; *Florence Levy*, Case Consultant, Social Service, who left to pursue her doctorate.

### GLAD TO HEAR IT

*Marjorie Peto*, Babies Hospital Nursing Supervisor, has been Awarded second and third prizes in the Eastern States Creative Craft Contest, for her Crewel Embroidery.

Promotions in the Nursing Department to Head Nurse include: *Mary D'Agostino*, *Suzanne Leib*, *Darlene Grier* in PH; *Judith Ann Johnson* in Babies; *Marie Clement* in Sloane; *Sheila Bernier* and *Catherine Erceg* in PH Operating Room.

*Anne Crawford*, and daughter Joan have returned from a trip around the world, during which they flew the Polar Route from Los Angeles to Japan.

### OUR SYMPATHY

*Vilma Jantos*, secretary in Neuro, on the death of her sister.

### FOR VOLUNTEERS

A class for Volunteer P.H. Nursing Aides, covering a three week period with classes twice a week and a day of intraining on the floors, began October 6.

On October 10 a series of training classes to orient Junior Volunteers for work after school and on Saturday mornings will be held in Babies Hospital under the direction of Miss Marjorie Peto.

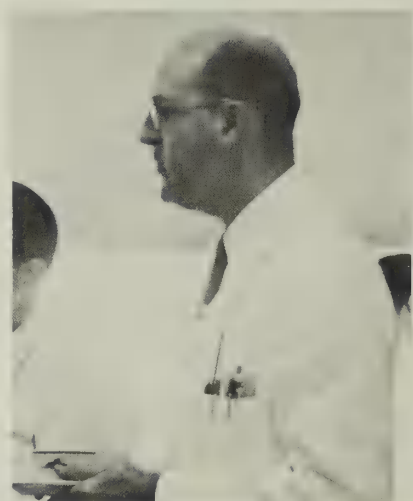
## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

*Dr. Daniel C. Baker, Jr.*, Director of Otolaryngology, presented a paper on Research Approach to Rhinology at the National Institutes of Health Conference on Training Grants in Ear, Nose and Throat recently in Minneapolis, Minn. *Dr. Juergen Tonndors*, Professor of Otolaryngology also attended this meeting.

*Dr. Franz Altmann*, Attending in Otolaryngology presented Diagnostic Significance of Vertigo at the International Vestibular Symposium in Philadelphia recently. This meeting was also attended by *Dr. Baker*, *Dr. Jules Waltner*, *Dr. Robert M. Hui*, and *Dr. Lawrence Savetsky*.

*Dr. Walter E. Berdon*, Assistant Radiologist and *Dr. Herman Grossman*, Visiting Fellow in Pediatrics, presented papers at the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Roentgen Ray Society, Minneapolis, Minn.

*Dr. David H. Baker*, Director of Radiology, Babies Hospital, is attending the Interamerican Congress of Radiology at Caracas, Venezuela, October 2-9. He is chairman of the panel on Pediatric Radiology and is presenting a paper on Chronic Pulmonary Disease.



Dr. Juan Taveras

*Dr. Juan Taveras*, Attending Radiologist, was president and chairman of the program committee at the VIIth Symposium Neuroradiologicum, September 20-25 in New York City. Papers were presented at the meeting by *Drs. Taveras*, *Sadek Hilal*, *E. R. Hein*, *H. I. Goldberg*, *Donald L. King*, *Chu H. Chang*, *J. Lawrence Pool*, *Leon Roizon*, *Roberts Rugh*, *M. A. Kaufman*, *Harold Atkins*, *Patricia Tretter*, *William Caveness* and *Orlando Carstein*.

*Dr. Karlis Adamsons, Jr.*, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, presented a paper on Thermoregulation of the Fetus and Newborn at a Symposium on the Effects of Labor Upon the Newborn held October 3 in Montevideo, Uruguay. *Dr. Adamsons*, *Dr. L. Stanley James*, Assistant Attending Pediatrician and *Dr. Harold M. Tovell*, Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, have been invited for a collaborative

project at the Department of Obstetrical Physiology at the University of Montevideo.

*Dr. George F. Crikelair*, Attending Surgeon, *Dr. Bard Cosman*, Assistant Attending Surgeon and *Dr. Ronald Ollstein*, Resident, Plastic Surgery, will attend the meeting of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, Inc. in San Francisco, Calif. October 11-16. *Dr. Cosman* and *Dr. Crikelair* will present a paper on The Shape of the Unilateral Cleft Lip Defect; *Dr. Ollstein* and *Dr. Crikelair* will present a paper entitled Is There a Malignant Freckle. *Dr. Crikelair* will chair a scientific session on Burns and Flammable Clothing.

*Drs. J. K. Lattimer*, Director of Urology, *George Fish*, Consultant, *Ralph Veenema*, Associate Attending Urologist, *Bruno Fingerhut*, Assistant, and *Meyer M. Melicow*, Special Lecturer, attended the Thirteenth Congress of the International Society of Urology in London recently. Papers were presented by *Dr. Lattimer*, who conducted follow-up clinics on some Squier Clinic and Babies Hospital patients in Paris and Lisbon.

*Dr. Paul A. Gerst*, Assistant Attending Surgeon, has been appointed Director of the Department of Surgery at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center. He assumed his new duties October 1 and will keep his association with the Medical Center.

Four members of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology presented papers at the Meeting of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Lake Kiamesha, N. Y. They are *Drs. David B. Moore*, Assistant Attending, *Anna B. Southam*, Associate Attending, *Raymond B. Vande Weile*, Associate Attending and *James A. O'Leary*, Resident.

### Date Announced For Conference on Parkinsonism

The First International Research Conference of the Parkinson's Disease Information and Research Center will take place in the Alumni Auditorium here November 30 and December 1.

The meeting on Thalamus Integration of Sensory and Motor Activities is sponsored by National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness and the Parkinson's Disease Foundation. The organizing Committee includes *Drs. Dominick P. Purpura*, chairman, *Malcolm B. Carpenter* and *Melvin D. Yahr*.



# A Popular Book on Medicine Inspired Dermatology Resident to be Physician

Dr. Richard Charles Miller, chief resident in Dermatology, made up his mind to be a physician when, as a teen-ager in Jamaica, Queens, he read medical author Paul de Kruif's famous book, "Microbe Hunters."

When he graduated in 1950 from Manhattan's Stuyvesant High School, he received a scholarship and went on to major in biology at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Still on scholarship, he entered Yale Medical School and in 1958 he received the M.D. he had been pursuing for more than 10 years.

## ENLISTS IN ARMY

While a senior at Yale, he enlisted in the U. S. Army Medical Corps under a special senior-year program. When his medical studies were completed, 1st Lt. Miller interned for a year at Martin Army Hospital, Fort Benning, Georgia.

His next stop was Germany. He was assigned as a field surgeon with the rank of captain to the 34th Infantry Battle Group, 24th Infantry Division, stationed in Augsburg.

The outfit was on maneuvers in the field for three months of his first year there, yet he found time to deliver about 120 babies at

a field hospital in Augsburg.

"That experience as an obstetrician convinced me that my medical specialty would lie in another area," he said.

Dr. Miller was presented a U. S. Army Commendation Medal for distinguished service before his discharge from active duty early in 1962. In July of that year he began his residency here in Dermatology.

Chief Resident since July 1, 1964, he is often kidded, he said, by doctors in other specialties, especially those called upon to treat patients any hour of the day or night, because a dermatologist rarely has a night's sleep disturbed by an emergency case.

## IT'S NOT TRUE HERE

"This allegation may be true of dermatologists in private practice," Dr. Miller admits, "but here at the Medical Center it's a different matter. A resident dermatologist is on call in the hospital 24 hours a day, 365 days a year."

Dr. Miller himself is on call every fourth night and every fourth weekend. When he is on call, he makes rounds on the dermatology ward, PH-8, sees emergency patients, and is available as consultant to doctors of other services.

His responsibilities as

chief resident are varied and quite challenging. He prepares a schedule for other residents of the service, supervises the dermatology ward and the younger residents, instructs third and fourth year medical

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## Miss Hoynak Heads Orthopedic Nurses



Rose Mary Hoynak, formerly senior supervisor of nursing, Medical and Surgical Services, has been appointed assistant director of nursing, Orthopedic Department.

At the same time, Miss Hoynak was appointed assistant professor of nursing, Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University. She will be responsible for the clinical instruction of student nurses on the Orthopedic Service.

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## 4 Dental Students Win Essay Awards

Kenneth H. Treitel, a junior at Columbia's School of Dental and Oral Surgery, has been awarded first prize in a national student essay contest sponsored by the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology.

A resident of the Bronx who attended Ohio State University, Mr. Treitel wrote his winning essay on pain control in dentistry. His paper will be published in the November issue of the Society's Journal.

Honorable mention for essays submitted in the contest went to three other DOS students: Merwyn A. Carroll, Stephan A. Goldstein and Laurence Schandler.



Babies Hospital Security Officer Joe Hollings shares the excitement with his son, Danny, at the little boy's second birthday party.

## A PARTY FOR DANNY

It was almost as exciting as something you read about in a story book. We mean the birthday party the people in Babies Hospital had September 8 for little Danny Hollings.

He was two years old.

Nobody missed the party, because almost everybody knows Danny. He was born with an intestinal problem and he's been a patient in Babies Hospital since he was two months old.

The doctors who have been taking care of Danny for the past 22 months were at his birthday party. So were the nurses, who came down from the surgical floor where Danny was a patient five different times, and from the infant floor, which he outgrew when he became a toddler.

## LIKE A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

And many dietitians were there, and social workers, and a lot of others who work in Babies Hospital. To all of them, Danny's like a member of the family.

Danny's parents and grandmother were at the party, too. His mother and grandmother looked very happy. His dad, Joe Hollings, the protective officer in the lobby of Babies Hospital looked proud, as fathers do on such important occasions.

Of course all the other little patients on the toddler floor joined the festivities. They sat in miniature chairs at a scaled-down table and were just as excited as you'd expect.

As for Danny . . . well, you've never seen anybody as bright-eyed as Danny was when they brought in the big pretty cake with flames dancing on the two pink candles. The Medical Center's pastry chef had baked and decorated it especially for him.

## EVERYBODY CAME BEARING GIFTS

Danny sat in his place of honor wearing a red party hat and holding tightly onto a blue balloon that said happy birthday. He ate some cake and vanilla ice cream, but there was too much going on for him to do any really serious eating.

Everybody came bearing gifts. They gave Danny a golden French horn, a pink telephone, a red corduroy overall set, a Pinocchio bank, a large stuffed mouse dressed in red and white stripes and wearing a silly grin, a Topo Gigio (the Italian mouse) doll, and so many other presents that you couldn't remember them all.

The party didn't last too long, because sick children tire easily, even when they're having so much fun. When it was over, Danny was ready for a nap. He slept surrounded by all his wonderful new toys.

## A SAD FINAL NOTE

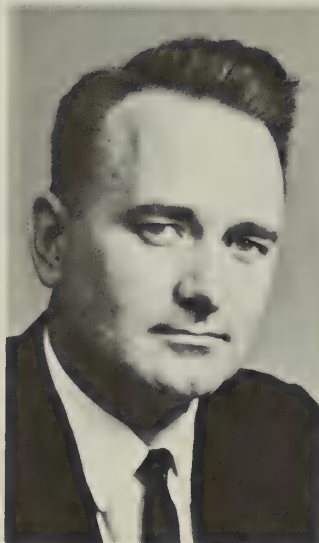
Little Danny Hollings, whose home for most of his brief life was Babies Hospital, died here September 24, just as *Stethoscope* was going to press—and only 16 days after his second birthday. At the request of his parents, the story of Danny's birthday party is appearing here as previously scheduled.



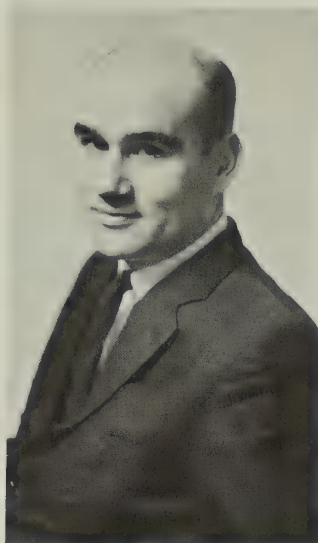
Dr. Richard Miller performs minor surgery on a dermatology patient, one of twenty-five such procedures he carries out each week.



# Associate Chaplains Assume Duties Here



Chaplain Maxwell



Chaplain Wagner

The appointment of two Associate Chaplains to the Hospital Chaplaincy Department has been announced by the Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Jr. The new men, the Rev. S. Bruce Wagner and the Rev. David B. Maxwell, will spend part time at the hospital and the balance serving internships in pastoral counseling at the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry.

## BORN IN BRAZIL

Chaplain Maxwell comes to the Medical Center after serving pastorates in churches in Georgia and South Carolina for the past eight years. He is the son of missionaries in Brazil, where he was born and lived until he was 10 years old. He came to the United States in 1941, and proceeded with his education here through college. After having served as a combat officer in Korea he graduated from seminary and then took graduate work in theology at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

## SERVES EYE INSTITUTE

Chaplain Wagner will serve primarily in the research area, working with Dr. Graham Clark's team at the Eye Institute evaluating the influence of emotion and mental stress on healing time in cases of eye surgery for retinal detachment. He comes to the hospital after serving as associate minister in Roslyn, L. I. and minister in New Marlborough, Mass. Chaplain Wagner graduated from Penn State and the Union Theological Seminary in New York.

## Miss Hoynak Heads Orthopedic Nurses

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In both positions she succeeds Mrs. Delphine (Wilde) Wolcott, who retired June 25 after 38 years of affiliation with the Presbyterian Hospital.

Miss Hoynak, a native of Olyphant, a small town in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania, has been on the nursing staff here for 19 years.

## RECOVERY ROOM NURSE

After her graduation in 1945 from the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University, she joined the nursing staff of Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown, N. Y., but after a few months returned to the Medical Center as head nurse on a women's surgical ward of Presbyterian Hospital.

Miss Hoynak was selected as head nurse of the hospital's first recovery room when it opened early in 1951 on PH-18. She later returned to the women's surgical floor, PH-12, as nursing supervisor and instructor.

## APPOINTED IN 1957

She was appointed senior supervisor of nursing on the Medical and Surgical Services in 1957.

As a project for a master's degree in nursing administration (awarded to her in 1959 by Teachers College), Miss Hoynak helped plan the present open heart recovery room which opened to patients in mid-1959.

## DERMATOLOGY RESIDENT

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students, handles in-patient consultations for other services, arranges twice-monthly conferences for residents, fellows, and attendings of the dermatology service, and has charge of the Personnel Dermatology Clinic on the 5th floor of Vanderbilt Clinic.

## OPERATES FREQUENTLY

Each weekday afternoon he works in the Outpatient Dermatology Clinic, treating persons suffering from a variety of skin diseases. A specific section of the clinic, also under his supervision, is devoted to the care of patients with syphilis and other venereal problems.

In an average week he also performs some 50 surgical procedures for the removal of skin tumors, both benign and malignant, and other varieties of skin lesions.

Dr. Miller is currently completing two scientific papers in his specialty.

## PRIVATE PRACTICE NEXT

The 32-year-old dermatologist is married to the former Eva Meissner of Augsburg, Germany. They reside on Riverside Drive, Manhattan, with their son and two daughters.

After he completes his residency here next year, Dr. Miller intends to enter private practice somewhere in northern New York State.

## Dentists, Physician Edit Text On Drugs Vs. Oral Diseases

Two prominent dentists and a physician, all of the Medical Center, have collaborated in the preparation and editing of a new comprehensive 646-page (plus index) text-reference book on "Pharmacotherapeutics of Oral Disease."

At work on the book for three years were Drs. Austin H. Kutscher, assistant professor and head of the Section on Therapeutics and Clinical Pharmacology, and Edward V. Zegarelli, Edwin S. Robinson Professor of Dentistry and director of the Division of Stomatology, both of Columbia's School of Dental and Oral Surgery, and George A. Hyman, associate in Medicine at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons and assistant physician at the Presbyterian Hospital.

The three editors, in their preface, said the new book aims "to provide a source of information to fill a serious void in the training of undergraduate students of dentistry in the pharmacotherapeutics of oral disease; and, in addition, to provide an accurate and usable reference book for practitioners of dentistry and medicine."

The book is not intended as a text on oral diagnosis, the editors continue. Therefore, contributions are devoted "almost entirely to the management and treatment of oral diseases and associated systemic abnormalities."

"The objective," they

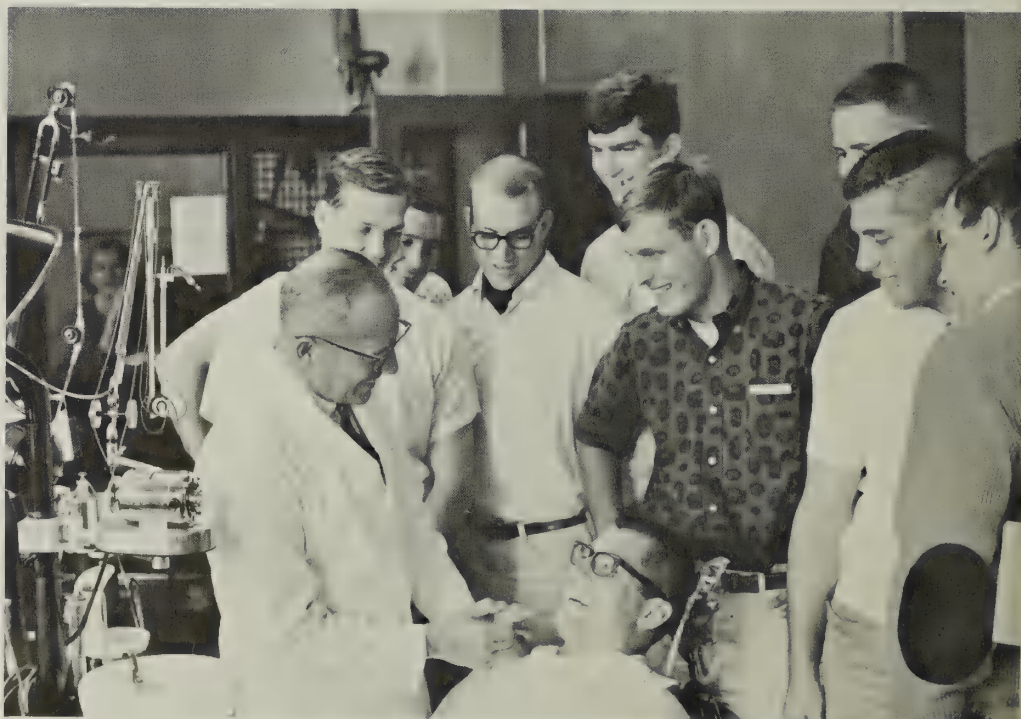
added, "has been to discuss each disease entity in terms of those drugs which may be useful in its management and control."

Publisher of the text is McGraw-Hill Book Company (The Blakiston Division), New York City.

Among the 131 contributors to the book are 22 faculty members of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, 38 faculty members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Joseph L. Kanig, Ph.D., professor of pharmacy, Columbia's College of Pharmacy.

**DENTISTS:** Drs. Jerry J. Adelson, Harold Baumash, Charles L. Berman, Frank E. Beube, Roy Boelstler, Jack Budowsky, Edward A. Cain, Jr., Joseph A. Cuttita, Nicholas A. DiSalvo, Rudolph H. Friedrich, Robert Gottsegen, Joseph M. Leavitt, Irwin D. Mandel, Louis Mandel, George A. Minervini, Irving J. Naidorf, Thomas Portway, Solomon N. Rosenstein, Fred Rothenberg, Laszlo Schwartz, Boaz M. Shattan and Herbert F. Silvers.

**PHYSICIANS:** Drs. George B. Ambrose, Helen M. Anderson, Henry Aranow, Jr., Roslyn Barbash, Hyman A. Bickerman, Marvin Brodey, John L. Buchanan, James P. Cattell, Shu Chien, Charles L. Christian, Nicholas P. Christy, Helen O. Curth, Carolyn R. Denning, Bohdan Dobias, Alex Sahagian-Edwards, Jack Eisert, Leonard J. Goldwater, Paul Gross, Donald H. Harter, Wendell B. Hatfield, Henry O. Heinemann, Donald A. Holub, Calderon Howe, Robert M. Hui, Walter R. Kessler, Lester C. Mark, Alfred M. Markowitz, John T. McCarthy, George R. Merriam, Jr., Carl T. Nelson, Kermit L. Pines, Robin M. Rankow, Saul L. Sanders, Edward B. Self, Meyer H. Slatkin, Harold M. M. Tovell, John E. Ultmann and Henry O. Wheeler.



## MAKING SURE HE'LL KEEP HIS TOOTHY GRIN

While his teammates kibitz, Columbia football center Pat Sheehan is custom-fitted for a protective plastic mouthpiece by Dr. George L. O'Grady, a faculty member of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

Long-term studies indicate the mouthpiece protects a player not only against injury to teeth, but also against shock to the neck and head. The Dental Clinic fitted the entire Columbia team, 65 players, in 45 minutes.





## FAREWELL TEA FOR DR. SCHWARZ

A farewell tea for Dr. Gerhart S. Schwarz, assistant attending radiologist and assistant professor of radiology, was held here to honor the Vienna-born doctor before he assumed new duties September 17 at Bird C. Colyer Hospital on Welfare Island. Pictured above are Dr. William B. Seaman, left, director of radiology, with Dr. and Mrs. Schwarz.

## It's Back to School (Again) For Stella Anderson, L.P.N.

After 16 years at Sloane Hospital, Mrs. Stella Anderson, L.P.N. in the Obstetrics and Gynecological clinic is going to school again. For Mrs. Anderson this is no new experience. She's been studying intermittently for the past 25 years.

This time she's determined to earn an associate degree in nursing and will pursue it in a full-time program at Bronx Community College during the next two years. She already has a head start with a course she has completed in evening sessions.

Mrs. Anderson, who has 13 grandchildren, started her career during the depression as a secretary in a beauty school. Here she was offered instruction as part payment for her services and became a qualified beautician.

During the war she went into defense work and she spent four years at a lathe and drill press. At the same time she was a hostess in the Harlem Defense Recreation Center, where she produced plays, planned specialty nights, ran dances and did such outstanding work that she was awarded a citation by the Center for her services. Among her happy memories of the Recreation Center was meeting Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt there. Later she was on the staff there as dean of hostesses.

Then Mrs. Anderson decided she would like to be a nurse and enrolled in the Harlem YWCA School of Practical Nursing from which she was graduated with honors and received an award for outstanding bedside nursing aptitudes. In 1948 she began her service at the Medical Center in Sloane Hospital.



Mrs. Stella Anderson

Mrs. Anderson, who hopes to continue working weekends while pursuing her nursing studies, is a former president of her local division of the Licensed Practical Nurse Association of New Jersey. She is Worthy Matron of her chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Anderson enjoys sewing, decorating and writing. In 1958 her window won a 2nd prize in the Medical Center Christmas Window contest. More recently, she wrote an article for the July-August issue of the Journal of Practical Nursing (*Stethoscope*, Sept. 1964.)

## Harkness X-Ray Employee Sets Sights On A New Job After Losing His Eye

"Mishaps are like knives, that either serve us or cut us, as we grasp them by the blade or the handle."

This thought was expressed by poet James Russell Lowell almost a century ago, but it might well be seconded by Hugh Charles Daly, a young employee of Harkness X-ray.

A recent mishap left Hugh with vision in only one eye—and robbed him of his dream of a career in motion picture animation.

Although he's only 22, Hugh has been active for years in projects for the Police Athletic League. He was rehearsing a magic act for a PAL show to be presented at an upstate orphanage when the accident occurred.



Hugh Daly checks film in Harkness X-ray Unit

### MAGIC BACKFIRES

"I was practicing an old magician's trick that involved use of a normally harmless but attention-getting explosion that distracts an audience while a bit of hocus-pocus is performed," Hugh explained.

"I had a small vial of flash powder concealed in my right hand and the idea was to let a few grains sprinkle onto a lighted cigarette and cause the minor explosion. Unfortunately, the cap fell off and all the powder poured onto the spark."

The ribbon of falling powder acted like a fuse. The spark traveled up and exploded the vial. Jagged bits of glass flew in all directions, like shrapnel from an exploding grenade. Sharp pieces of glass peppered Hugh's face—and several slivers lodged in his left eye.

### "COULD BE WORSE"

Hugh was rushed here to the Eye Institute where doctors labored vainly to save the hopelessly injured eye.

"The doctors were wonderful, but there was no way they could spare my eye," Hugh continued. "The injury was too great. Actually, I'm very lucky. It might have been worse. My hand and arm protected my right eye and that was unharmed."

Such optimism is typical of Hugh, a good-natured young man who refuses to let adversity get him down.

For example, a few days after the surgical removal of his damaged eye, Hugh was performing acts of magic for patients and nurses on the third floor ward of the Eye Institute. He put on three magic shows during his hospitalization.

Even after his discharge, he returned to the hospital to cheer up a young patient who was becoming discouraged.

### NEIGHBORHOOD BOY

Hugh, who grew up in the Medical Center neighborhood and graduated in 1960 from George Washington High School, was hired by Harkness X-ray during the first week in January of this year. His mishap occurred before he could report for work.

After he was fitted with an artificial eye so realistic that it is practically impossible to detect, Hugh was put back on the payroll as an x-ray film expeditor at Harkness, where his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Daly, had worked for a number of years.

"When I first applied for work here, it was to be something temporary while I studied motion picture animation nights at City College," Hugh admitted. "Now I'm forgetting about that goal, because I have a temporary problem with depth perception. My good

eye will compensate later, I've been advised, but I've made up my mind to try another field.

"Since I've been working here, I've become very interested in x-ray work. I've been able to borrow books on radiology and I find them fascinating. I would like to be an x-ray technician, particularly one involved with motion picture x-rays."

Hugh's supervisors, who praise him as "cheerful, hard-working, courteous and efficient," are advising and helping him as he sets his sights on a new goal.

And he hasn't forsaken his connections with the Police Athletic League. He is president of the PAL city-wide workshop for the instruction of youngsters in the cultural arts. He is also announcer, sound-effects man, and talent scout for the "Police Athletic League Show," presented at 8:30 a.m. Saturdays over Manhattan radio station WNYC.

### A PAL AWARD

For his efforts in the behalf of PAL, he recently was awarded an imposing trophy for outstanding achievement in dramatic art. The presentation came at the final curtain of "Our City," an original musical comedy sponsored by PAL.

Hugh, who won a Catholic Youth Organization medal for acting in 1960, played the leading role.



## C.R. Wise Speaks at GNYF Luncheon



Dr. Carl R. Wise, Assistant Vice President of the hospital and Chairman of the 1964 Greater New York Fund Campaign here spoke about the Open Heart Surgery program at the Fall Luncheon of the Greater

New York Fund at the Hotel Commodore September 17th.

As an illustration of the work done by voluntary hospitals for which funds are solicited during this drive, various sequences in the campaign movie were explained by representatives of each service. Sections of the film done at The Presbyterian Hospital included an Open Heart operation and a Recovery Room scene, and Dr. Wise explained the advances in techniques, the gains in terms of added life expectancy, and the costliness of the equipment used in this procedure.

Presbyterian Hospital completed its 1964 campaign for the greater New York Fund in June with a record-breaking \$12,508.

## MISS MIKE

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clude his age, his type of illness, his ethnic background, and even, whenever possible, his food preferences.

"If a child is very ill, we try to give him what he asks for," she said. "You can't introduce new foods to a sick youngster. When his health improves, we usually have time for a bit of soft-sell education in nutritional needs."

Discussing the case of the child offered the cola drink, Miss Mike said the flavorful beverage was used to make a concentrated solution of glucose and liquid emulsified fat more palatable.

"This little girl loved cola and we used only enough of it to disguise the taste of the other ingredients, which were required for diet therapy."

### CORN CHIPS & CORN PONE

On another occasion, Miss Mike included corn chips and corn pone in the diet of an eczema victim who was allergic to all cereal grains except corn.

In an average year, children and infants hospitalized at the Medical Center require about 150,000 meals and more than a half-million bottles of formula and solutions. Physicians caring for these children look to Miss Mike and her associates to insure that these meals and feedings fulfill the dietary requirements of the patients.

Nutrition has been an interest of Miss Mike's ever

since she was growing up in Flemington, N. J., not too far from Princeton. After high school, she went on to the College of Home Economics of the University of Maryland, which awarded her a bachelor of science degree in 1941. She was recipient of her college association's Achievement Award in 1956 "in recognition of outstanding service to the community."

She began her career at the Medical Center, serving a year's dietetic internship at Presbyterian Hospital, 1941-42. For the next five years she was in charge of the Babies Hospital Formula Room, which prepares 1,600 bottles a day for infant feeding. In July 1947, she was promoted to her present position.

### VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

With 23 years of experience to draw on, Miss Mike is regarded as an authority on the dietary management of sick children, especially those with ailments that make them unable to tolerate certain foods.

She is often consulted and has written extensively on the feeding of "problem" patients, specifically children who are victims of celiac syndrome, cystic fibrosis, epilepsy, and those with inborn errors of metabolism such as galactosemia and glycogen storage diseases.

Miss Mike is called upon frequently to discuss nutrition and the nutritional needs of children before parent-teacher associations, at school assembly programs, at Health Department sym-

## ON THE SHELF

### New Books in Milbank Library

#### NON-FICTION

**The Honored Society** by Norman Lewis. A searching look at the Mafia, whose evil conspiracy reaches into every aspect of Italian life.

**New Wind In a Dry Land** by Margaret Laurence. An account of the author's two year stay in the Somaliland desert where she observed the lives of the nomadic, camel-herding Somalis.

**The Emergence of Modern Nursing** by Bonnie and Vern L. Bullough. The authors explain the evolution of modern nursing practice showing its historical roots, development and problems.

**The New York Times Election Handbook 1964** by Harold Faber. A complete reference guide to the 1964 elections which includes a history of the parties, past conventions, current issues, party strategy and personality sketches of the candidates.

**The Crystal Arrow** by Dr. Felix Marti-Ibanez. The first complete collection of the author's unique and highly praised editorial essays published in the medical newsmagazine "MD" from 1957 through 1963.

#### FICTION

**The Mortal Wound** by Raffaele La Capria. This short, intricate novel, awarded Italy's much coveted Strega prize, depicts the return of a middle aged Neapolitan to his native city.

**The Flight of the Phoenix** by Elleston Trevor. A suspense story of fourteen men who struggle for survival after their plane crash-lands in the Sahara.

**The Rector of Justin** by Louis Auchincloss. A novel about the Rev. Francis Prescott, rector, headmaster, founder of Justin Martyr, a New England Episcopal boys' school.

**Children and Others** by James Gould Cozzens. Seventeen entertaining stories by the author of "By Love Possessed."

posiums, before various dietetic associations, and at various regional meetings of the Children's Bureau, a unit of the federal government's Bureau of Health, Education and Welfare. During World War II she conducted nutrition classes for the Red Cross and for years taught the basics of her specialty to Girl Scouts who wanted to earn merit badges.

At the Medical Center Miss Mike has lectured before student nurses, medical students and residents on the pediatric staff and has been responsible for training dietetic interns in pediatric nutrition. Her advice on feeding children with special dietary problems is sought by physicians and parents alike.

#### GUEST LECTURER

She is also guest lecturer on therapeutic nutrition at Teachers College of Columbia University, the school which presented her a master of science degree in 1962.

Miss Mike is active in dietetic and nutrition organizations on the national and local levels, is a past president of the Greater

New York Dietetic Association, and is a member of Alpha Rho chapter of Omicron Nu, the national scholastic society in home economics.

With such a background, Miss Mike is the right person to quiz on the food preferences of modern children. Her answers come as no surprise to anyone who has raised offspring.

Favorite foods of children, according to Miss Mike, are spaghetti, hot dogs, hamburgers, cold cereals, milk, most fruits, and, of course, cake and ice cream.

Their least liked foods are salads, certain vegetables, such as asparagus, broccoli and squash, and certain casserole dishes, which many children hesitate to try because they can't identify the various ingredients.

#### USES PSYCHOLOGY

To bolster a finicky young appetite, Miss Mike offers this tip, a clever bit of psychology that works with many patients at Babies Hospital:

"Give the child relatively small portions on a large plate—and let him come back for seconds."

## Medical Center Inspired Wits

In the late 1920's, many serious reports appeared in the American press concerning the great size and complexity of the new Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

But a less solemn approach was taken by the old *Life* Magazine, which was similar in style to the popular British humor magazine, *Punch*.

Always looking on the funny side, *Life* made the vast Medical Center the subject of some of its finest cartoons.

One memorable cartoon from the magazine showed bearded and tattered workmen at the Medical Center being "rescued" by the arrival of medical teams and crying out to their rescuers: "Thank heaven you've come! We've been lost in these corridors for months!"

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For this item we are indebted to the good memory of Mrs. Mary Ericson, R.N. In her own words, she has been at the Medical Center "almost since its grand opening" and had the cartoon mentioned above until it became too mutilated to keep. Other cartoons poking good-humored fun at the Medical Center appeared in many magazines of the time, she said.

### Auxiliary Benefits Will Be October 8

A benefit fashion show for the Women's Auxiliary of The Presbyterian Hospital will be held at 2 p.m. October 8 in the Cosmopolitan Club, it has been announced by Mrs. Howard R. Craig, chairman of the event.

A buffet lunch will precede the showing of the winter fashion collection of Philip Hulitar, well-known American fashion designer.

To obtain benefit tickets thrift worth \$25 may be sent to Stuyvesant Square Thrift Shop—plainly marked for Presbyterian Hospital—1406 Third Avenue, New York. Thrift donated before the luncheon date also entitles the donor to purchase two luncheon tickets.

Arrangements may be made by residents of Manhattan or Northern New Jersey to have their thrift picked up by telephoning SW 5-3638.



## In Memoriam



DELPHINE WOLCOTT

Mrs. Delphine (Wilde) Wolcott, assistant director of nursing and assistant professor of nursing at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, died Sept. 24 in Harkness Pavilion. Mrs. Wolcott resided at 159-00 Riverside Drive West.

A 1926 graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, Mrs. Wolcott had been associated with the Medical Center since it opened in 1928. She received her master's degree from Teachers College in 1946 and taught at the college and New York Orthopaedic Hospital. Since 1951, Mrs. Wolcott had coordinated nursing service and education in the New York Orthopaedic Hospital at Columbia-Presbyterian. She was honored at a retirement party in June of this year.

(Stethoscope, July, 1964)

Mrs. Wolcott is survived by her husband, Roger Wolcott, and a brother, Norton C. Wilde.

Burial was September 27 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m., Oct. 8, in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel at Presbyterian Hospital.

## Babies Hospital Santa Seeks Helpers Who'll Dress Dolls

The Santa Claus who delights little girls in Babies Hospital on Christmas morning needs some helpers who are handy with a needle and thread.

The handy ones are required to clothe a shipment of 60 dolls that will be distributed as Yule gifts to girls who are hospitalized here at Christmas.

Anyone interested in buying or making clothing for one or more dolls should contact the Babies Hospital nursing office, BH 2-221. The telephone extension is 3223. The dolls to be dressed are available there now.

Miss Marjorie Peto, assistant director of nursing at Babies Hospital, said the dolls should be returned no later than December 7. "They will be on display for all to see and admire during the week of December 14," she added.

As in the past years, the dolls are being donated through the generosity of the Babies Hospital Board of Women Managers.

## Babies Alumni Sets Reunion For October 27

Babies Hospital Alumni will hold their annual reunion October 27 at the New York Hilton during the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Pediatrics which will take place there October 24-29. This year's alumni meeting was postponed from its usual date in April to coincide with the national meeting. A business meeting and elections will precede a luncheon on October 27 and on October 29 the Alumni will be hosts to visiting pediatricians at an Open House at Babies Hospital.

### PARTICIPANTS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

Participants from the Medical Center in the programs of the American Academy of Pediatrics meeting will include Drs. Robert W. Winters, James A. Wolff, Hattie E. Alexander, Peter R. Scaglione, Morris S. Albert and Melvin M. Grumbach from Pediatrics; Sidney Carter, James F. Hammill, Niels L. Low, Arnold P. Gold and Abe M. Chutorian from Neurology; George H. Humphreys, II, Thomas V. Santulli and Philip D. Wiedel from Surgery; William A. Blanc from Pathology; Patricia Tretter from Radiology; John K. Lattimer, Meyer M. Melicow, Aurelio C. Uson, Archie L. Dean, Donald M. Gleason, Harry Seneca and Louis J. Dougherty from Urology.

## Eye Institute's Library Possesses Impressive Specialized Collection



Librarian Elizabeth Culbert checks her collection of Ophthalmology books. Bust is of eminent 19th Century ophthalmologist Albrecht von Graefe.

There is a little corner of the eighth floor at the Eye Institute that might easily be overlooked by a visitor to the hospital. Yet the compact area houses a specialized collection of ophthalmological literature that may well be the largest in the United States.

In existence for 30 years and still growing, the John M. Wheeler Library contains almost 8800 bound volumes, including 4418 volumes of periodicals; a catalogued collection of almost 3700 reprints of articles on the eye from various journals, and a large collection of uncatalogued reprints that are available for reference.

Through subscription and gifts, the library also receives and keeps in stock a total of 155 ophthalmological journals from the United States and 30 foreign countries.

So complete is the library's stock of literature on the eye that last year alone it was used by more than 2000 readers from all over the world, according to Librarian Elizabeth Culbert.

"Many researchers," said Miss Culbert, "have expressed pleasure at finding references here for which they have searched in vain in other large libraries."

Much of the eminence of the library is due to the interest and generosity of the first director of the Eye Institute, the late Dr. John M. Wheeler, who gave his entire private collection of

literature on the eye to the library in 1936.

Acknowledgment of his valuable contribution was made in the 1936 annual report of Presbyterian Hospital.

### GIFT NOTED

"In November Dr. Wheeler presented to the Eye Institute his library of ophthalmological publications. It includes many valuable books which could not be duplicated, and has bound volumes of unbroken series of eye periodicals in French, German, and English, some of which date back one hundred years. The nucleus of the library was the collection of Dr. Henry D. Noyes, who for many years was Professor of Ophthalmology at New York University. Important

## 2,000 Readers Use It's Facilities In Average Year

additions were made by Dr. Dwight W. Hunter." (The late Dr. Hunter was on the staff of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and was associated with Dr. Noyes in private practice.)

As would be expected in a facility of its size and reputation, the Wheeler Library has an impressive (and carefully protected) collection of old and rare books, many of which were printed centuries ago.

### OLD VALUED WORKS

Among the oldest are two treatises concerning the preservation of eyesight (one by Dr. Walter Bayley, the other by the famous physicians Fernelius and Riolanus) that were published in London in 1633.

Not quite as old but also rare is a French work by Antoine Maitre-Jan that was published in Rouen in 1707. It is entitled "Traité des maladies de l'oeil, et des remedes propres pour leur guérison, enrichi d'expériences de physique."

A recent addition to the library was the collection of many old and difficult to obtain books that were housed for many years in the Eye Institute Museum, which has been disbanded.

### HERE SINCE 1962

Miss Culbert, who was with the New York Public Library for almost 30 years, has been in charge of the Wheeler Library since March, 1962. Her part time assistant is Mrs. Louise Carriero. Drs. Ellen F. Regan and Maynard C. Wheeler of the Eye Institute attending staff constitute an advisory committee.

Miss Culbert said the aim of the Wheeler Library is to acquire all available printed material on the eye, with the emphasis being on professional literature. Also sought are biographies of outstanding persons in the specialty and histories.

"We do not stock nor do we seek literature on quackery, although this might well be of interest if we had room to house it," Miss Culbert concluded.



# Medical Center Schoolrooms Burst With Activity

## 122 First Year P&S Students

Twelve women are among the 122 new medical students at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. These young men and women were selected from 1460 applicants, a number 20 per cent larger than in the previous year.

The class selected for admission includes 24 sons and daughters of physicians, two alumni sons, and two children of members of the staff. These first-year students came here from more than 50 undergraduate colleges; their home addresses represent about half of the states and four foreign countries: Kuwait, England, Nigeria and Puerto Rico.

Said Dr. George A. Perera, Associate Dean: "This year was a record low in terms of the numbers whom we accepted but who chose another school and, as far as we can judge, a record high in terms of the quality of candidate who has selected this school for medical study."

As usual with incoming classes at P&S, this one includes many members with interesting backgrounds and hobbies. One is a veteran of the Peace Corps, another a judo expert, one a former captain of his cricket team. The class also includes a harpsichordist, a magician and a creator of enamel jewelry.

## DOS Freshmen Number 40

A freshman class of 40 students, including one woman, has begun studies at Columbia's School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

The new dental students come from 26 schools ranging from New York to California. Eight are sons of dentists; three are children of physicians. Two members of the class, Richard Lo and Thomas Tong, are residents of Hong Kong, China.

The only woman in the class is Miss Evans Flickinger, daughter of a physician and a graduate of Connecticut College for Women. She later attended the School of Exfoliative Cytology, Cornell Medical College, and was awarded a Cytotechnologist Certificate by the American Board of Clinical Pathologists.

Miss Flickinger set up a cytology lab at Brooklyn Hospital, which was approved by the American Board of Clinical Pathologists as a training school for cytotechnologists. For the past two years she was employed at the Rockefeller Institute in the department of developmental biology.

Many indicate an interest in family practice as personal physicians, as well as in research and teaching.

## 133 First Year Nurses Enroll

One hundred and thirty-three first-year student nurses, representing 18 states and two foreign countries, began their studies here on September 15.

Selected from 240 applicants, the young women are enrolled in the Department of Nursing of Columbia University's Faculty of Medicine. They come from 80 colleges and universities.

Miss Elizabeth S. Gill, Associate Dean, Nursing, said that 39 of the new students, all graduates of a four-year liberal arts college, are scheduled to complete their nursing program in 24 months. The others, who have completed at least two years at a liberal arts college, are in a 32-month program.

Both programs lead to a bachelor of science degree from Columbia and a certificate in nursing from the Presbyterian Hospital.

### MANY EASTERNERS

Most of the new students come from New York, 43; New Jersey, 27; Pennsylvania, 19; Connecticut, 9, and Massachusetts, 8. Others are from California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia.

Carol Tucker Robertson



It seemed like just yesterday all the student nurses were unloading cars in front of Maxwell Hall and getting established for the new school year which, already, is well under way.

lists her home as Kobe, Japan, and Susan Hollingsworth Rollings is from London, England.

The class has a set of 20-year-old twins. Carolyn and Joann Swift of Kensington, Md.

Eighteen members of the incoming class are daughters of doctors, two of dentists, one of a hospital administrator. Twenty seven of the young women indicated their mothers were nurses.

Mary Margaret Bozzo, 20, is the daughter of Peter Bozzo, purchasing agent for the Presbyterian Hospital.

Five of the new student nurses have mothers who are graduates of our School of Nursing.

Marielyce Barclay is the daughter of Marielsie

Shettsline Barclay, Class of 1940.

Marjorie Ann Boldt is the daughter of Wilhelmine Callahan Boldt, Class of 1932. Her father is Dr. Waldemar H. Boldt, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Mary E. Gutelius is the daughter of Margaret Nicol Gutelius, Class of 1940. Her late aunt was Barbara H. Nicol, Class of 1932.

Hollis T. Lepore is the daughter of Cynthia Hill Lepore, Class of 1939.

Maril O'Malley is the daughter of Marie Louise Pedefious, Class of 1942. Her father is Dr. Robert D. O'Malley, P&S Class of 1942.

Lynda Anne Tanis is sister to Phyllis Tanis, nursing Class of 1965.



Miss Rosalie Castagnetta instructs an attentive group of Babies Hospital patients in the hospital's equivalent of the "Little Red Schoolhouse." This is the hospital branch of the New York public school system, PS-401X.

## DR. GEORGE ROSEN HONORED

The 21st Elizabeth Severance Prentiss Award, awarded each year for outstanding contributions in Public Health Education, by the Cleveland Health Museum, was awarded to George Rosen, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., in New York City on October 6.

Dr. Rosen, Professor of Public Health Education at Columbia's School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine, has been active in the field of Public Health for almost 25 years. He is also the current editor of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, and is one of the country's foremost medical historians.

## BANK OPEN 4 - 6 P. M.

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This special two-hour period is being offered, experimentally, as a service to Medical Center personnel, who will be admitted to the bank after displaying their identification card to

the guard at the door.

Complete banking facilities will be available during the two-hour period.

If results indicate the new bank schedule is of mutual satisfaction, it will be put into effect permanently.





# The Stethoscope

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Mrs. Caroline Schaefer styles a hairdo in her beauty parlor on the 20th floor of the Presbyterian Hospital.

## Morale of Women Patients Revives with New Hairdo

For a woman who has been through an operation or childbirth, there are few morale boosters as effective as a shampoo and new hairdo.

At least that's the conclusion one reaches while browsing through the guest book that beautician Caroline Schaefer keeps for her customers in the Medical Center Beauty Salon.

Not only does the book contain signatures of hundreds of former Presbyterian Hospital patients (many of them quite famous), it also offers enthusiastic tributes to Mrs. Schaefer and her assistants for the beautiful new selves the patients saw reflected in their mirrors.

"Now I'm as pretty as my baby," wrote a delighted new mother with a new coiffure. Other patients added: "It's nice to look civilized again;" "The very best tonic of all;" "You staved off a relapse;" and "You are the best morale builder in Harkness!"

These and other glowing testimonials create the impression that, if we dare plagiarize a popular singing commercial, Schaefer is the one gal to have when you're having your hair done.

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## "Moonwalking" Device May Aid Rehab Patients

With a bit of exaggeration, you might call chief physical therapist Samuel Feitelberg the Medical Center's own astronaut.

Coming down to earth, it's safer to say that Sam is the first person from here to test, personally, a gravity-reducing device which American spacemen use to simulate walking on the moon.

He did his "moon-walking" recently at Langley Research Center in Virginia, which he visited at the invitation of the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA). NASA officials wanted him to familiarize himself with their Lunar Gravity Simulator, as they call the de-

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## Sir John Eccles, Noble Laureate, To Address Parkinsonism Sessions

Nobel Prize Laureate Sir John C. Eccles of Canberra, Australia who shared the 3-way award in medicine in 1963 will participate in the First International Research Conference of the Parkinson's Disease Information and Research Center to be held November 30-December 1 in the newly opened Alumni Auditorium of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The scientific meetings will bring together researchers from all over the world to discuss Thalamic Integration of Sensory and

Motor Activities. They were organized by Drs. Dominick P. Purpura, chairman with Malcolm B. Carpenter and Melvin D. Yahr.

The opening session at 9 a.m. on November 30 will include an introduction by Dr. Yahr and greetings by Dr. Richard L. Masland, Director, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness and Dean H. Houston Merritt.

Chairmen for the four sessions will be Drs. Malcolm B. Carpenter, Department of Anatomy, Harry

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## CALLING... CALLING .....DR. KILDARE??

The funny things you learn if you read the funnies! Although he isn't listed anywhere on the house staff, Dr. Kildare must be among the residents at Columbia-Presbyterian.

This comic strip appeared last May. Jim Kiernan of the accounting department clipped it and a week ago got around to sending it to Public Interest.

The photograph of the Medical Center, below, was taken by Werner Wolff two years ago, has been used rather widely and, we suspect, inspired Dr. Kildare's artist.

Through the courtesy of King Features Syndicate, Inc. and artist Ken Bald we obtained the original artwork, reprinted below.

We'll be happy to give it to Dr. Kildare.



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Photos by Elizabeth Wilcox.

## STETHOSCOPIA

### ■ WEDDING MARCH

*Florence Coyne*, Telephone Room, was married to Mr. Walter Fitzsimmons on October 24.

*Barbara Bulman*, R.N. on Orthopedic Service, was married recently to Mr. James A. McGinty.

*Yvonne Curcio*, R.N., Sloane, married Mr. John Eagan recently.

### ■ CUPID'S TARGETS

*Dr. Marianne J. Legate*, senior assistant resident in medicine, will marry *Dr. Paul Killian*, chief medical resident on First Medical Division (Columbia) Bellevue Hospital, in January.

*Dr. Ian Van Praagh*, assistant obstetrician and gynecologist, Vanderbilt Clinic, will marry Miss Felicia Delafield of St. James, L. I. in January.

*Marilyn Middleton*, Head Nurse, PH 10C will become the bride of Mr. Kent Bromwell of Baltimore, Md.

### ■ LITTLE CITIZENS

*Mary Barrett*, Telephone Room, welcomed a baby son.

*Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Wider*, have a baby boy, Todd Michael, born October 3. Father is a resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

### ■ WELCOME

*Mrs. Ines Mack*, to the Communications Department.

Social Service welcomed eleven students from the Columbia University School of Social Work. They are: *Marcia Bennett*, *Mrs. Marion Glasgow*, *Mrs. Sylvia Bienenstock*, *Jacqueline Kohn*, *Mrs. Sara Brown*, *Janet Shillman*, *Roberta Mathews*, *Louise Schneiderman*, *Judith Kostman*, *Nancy McDowell* and *Mrs. Mary Hauptman*.

### ■ FAREWELL

*Margaret Barrett* retired from the Telephone Room. A tea was given in her honor on October 13.

### ■ CONGRATULATIONS

Promotions in the Nursing Department include: *Barbara Farace*, PH 14, and *Donna Hoag*, PH 10 to supervisor, *Catherine Pierson* and *Esther Turkington* to PH Operating Room, Head Nurse, and *Mary Ellen Walsh*, Babies Hospital and *Margaret McDermott*, Harkness Pavilion to Head Nurse.

### ■ NOTES OF INTEREST

*Sophie Matzkin*, R.N. of the Private Duty Nursing Staff, is studying basic law in night school at New York University under a scholarship awarded her by N.Y.U.

*Margaret Priddy* of Medical Information, recently completed 38 years of service to the hospital.

*John Beveridge* has been transferred from Elevator Service to Medical Information, where he is responsible for photocopying.

*Samuel Feitelberg*, coordinator of physical and occupational therapy and chief physical therapist, has received the 1964 Distinguished Service Award of the Greater New York District, American Physical Therapy Association. It was presented "for outstanding services in the advancement of the science and art of physical therapy." Now serving a two-year term as chairman of the Greater New York District, he is the first person ever to receive the award while in office.

The lovely red and white carnations which decorated Babies Hospital lobby early in October were sent by the St. Louis Cardinals after their victory dinner on October 12th when they defeated the Yankees here in New York in the fifth game of the series.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS



*Dr. Robert H. Sagerman*, Assistant Attending Radiologist is working on a data recording system for charting diseases. This computerized information, vital in the correlation of data, will be helpful for follow-up clinics as well as for statistical studies. *Dr. Sagerman*, who comes to Presbyterian Hospital from Stanford University Hospital, Palo Alto, California, is also doing tissue culture research to determine a more efficient radiation dose with less destruction of healthy tissues.

*Dr. Juan M. Taveras*, Attending Radiologist, has been named director of the Edward Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo. and will take over the post on January 1. He will also hold positions as professor and chairman of the department of radiology at the medical school.

*Dr. Taveras* has been on the Columbia faculty since 1950 and also on the staff of the Presbyterian Hospital since that year. He is president of the American Society of Neuroradiology and director of radiology at Neurological Institute. His special interest is radiological techniques used in diagnosis of brain and spinal cord tumors.

*Dr. David Nachmansohn*, Professor of Biochemistry, returned to Germany recently to receive an honorary doctor of medicine degree from the University of Berlin for his contributions in medical research and international scientific cooperation. He was also recently selected as a member of the German Academy of Sciences.

*Drs. Lewis P. Rowland*, Associate Attending Neurologist, *Donald Schotland*, Assistant Neurologist, and *Melvin D. Yahr*, Attending Neurologist, were participants in a program recently at the University of Rochester on "Remote Effects of Cancer on the Nervous System."

*Dr. William Silverman*, Associate Attending Pediatrician, gave The Annual James Marvin Baty Lecture sponsored by the Alumni Association of The Boston Floating Hospital for Infants and Children on November 4.

*Dr. Ira S. Jones*, Assistant Attending Ophthalmologist presented papers on "Orbital Tumors" and "Orbital Reconstructive Surgery" at the meeting of the American College of Surgeons held recently in Chicago.

*Dr. A. G. DeVoe*, Director of Ophthalmology, recently returned from a lecture tour to Mexico, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Bogota, Columbia and Panama, sponsored by the State Department and the Pan American Association of Ophthalmology.

*Dr. DeVoe* also presented a paper "Present Status of Keratoplasty" at the recent World Congress on the Cornea, Washington, D. C.

*Dr. Anthony Donn*, Assistant Attending Ophthalmologist, is chairman of the symposium on Corneal Biophysics, October 30-31 at Harkness Hall.

*Dr. Edward V. Zegarelli*, Attending Dental Surgeon, is participating in a ten-week Postgraduate Course on Tumors of the Mouth and Jaws under the aegis of the Brooklyn Unit, American Cancer Society in cooperation with the Second District Dental Society, September 23 through November 25 at the Dental Society Headquarters, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Dr. Robin M. Rankow*, Assistant Attending Surgeon, *Dr. John E. Ulmann*, Assistant Professor in Medicine, P&S and *Dr. Seymour Zeff*, Associate Clinical Professor, Oral Surgery, are also on the program.

### Gibson Lecture Will be Nov. 12

The XIII John G. Gibson II, Lectures on "Current Attack on Problems of Hemolytic Disease of the New-born" will be given by *Dr. Bruce Chown*, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada on Thursday, November 12 at 4:30 p.m. in the Hanger Amphitheater, Floors 8 and 9, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The lecture will be followed by a reception from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Harkness Hall.

*Dr. Chown* was an intern in Babies Hospital 1922-23 and a resident there in 1923.



## "Masha" Wasson Britton Heads Nursing Alumnae Association

Mrs. Mary Xenia Wasson Britten, 27-year-old wife of a physician and mother of two small children, is the new president of the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association.

She succeeds Mrs. Elise Dunlop Fish, '35, wife of noted Presbyterian Hospital urologist Dr. George W. Fish. Mrs. Fish headed the association for three years.

Mrs. Britten, a member of the Class of 1959, was born and raised in New York City. She prepared for college at The Brearley School before going on to Vassar and Barnard, attending each for a year as a music major. She began her nursing studies here in 1956.

After her graduation, Mrs. Britten was a staff nurse for six months on a men's medical ward at Presbyterian Hospital. On January 1, 1960, she joined the nursing faculty here as an instructor and was promoted six months later to Associate in Nursing in the fields of medicine and surgery.



Masha Wasson Britten

### EARNs MASTER'S

After a year in that position, she resigned to return to school. She earned the advanced degree she was seeking—master of education in Medical and Surgical Nursing—in 1962.

The slender brunette, whose interests include travel, concerts, languages and playing the classics on her piano, is called "Masha" by her friends.

Masha is an affectionate Russian diminutive for Maria and is the nickname given her by her Russian-born mother, a remarkable woman who came to the United States in her teens, attended Barnard, graduated from Bedford College, London, then studied medicine in London, and practiced pediatrics here. She died in 1958.

"Remarkable" is also a safe word to help describe  
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## New Orleans "Citizenship" For Dr. S. N. Rosenstein

Dr. Solomon N. Rosenstein (D.D.S.), professor of dentistry and director, Division of Pedodontics, at Columbia's School of Dental and Oral Surgery, has been named an honorary citizen of New Orleans, La. He also received a gold key to the city.

The honor to Dr. Rosenstein came after he had directed a three-day seminar (Sept. 29-Oct. 1) at Loyola University College of Dentistry, New Orleans, on "Dentistry for Children with Cerebral Palsy." It was also a tribute to his

national leadership in this specialized field.

At Columbia in 1950, Dr. Rosenstein initiated the nation's first post-graduate program for training dentists in the care of patients with cerebral palsy. Columbia remains one of the few dental schools in the United States to offer such a program.



## Medical Parlance Made Easy . . .

# LAYMAN'S GLOSSARY OF MEDICAL TERMS

"A" is for Anatomy and Anesthesiology.

Let's start right at the beginning with this anthology of medical sciences. The editor of an eastern daily newspaper, who is a Stethoscope reader, recently wrote us to express a certain feeling of uneasiness that overtakes him while browsing through our publication.

"Why do you have to keep talking, for example, about 'whatchamacallitologists' and 'thingamajigadology', without letting the uninitiated know what the specialty is?" he asked.

At any rate, starting with alpha—for any editor knows there is a certain Greek heritage in medicine—we have *anatomy*, or to be more precise, Webster's New Collegiate has anatomy right under anatomize and above anatropous. (Actually, the definition for anatropous is vastly more interesting than anatomy's—but on with our mission.)

Comfortable in the belief that most people already know the meaning of anatomy let's move directly to *anesthesiology*. This term isn't even listed in our edition of Webster's; however, Stedman's Medical Dictionary comes to the rescue with the following:

"The science that treats of the various means of inducing local or general anesthesia and of the accidents and complications of this condition."

From this, the most casual observer immediately deduces that anesthesiologist (again we see the Hellenic influence: "ist" from the Greek "istes," meaning "one who does or makes a practice of") is, indeed, the scientist (there's that "ist" again) who pursues this science.

### BOTTOM OF 223

We skip rather hastily to *dermatology* and *dermatologist*, the former located right at the very bottom of page 223 in our Webster's. Strengthened by our practice of anatomy on the word anesthesiologist, we will proceed logically backwards. The astute scholar has already noticed a recurrence of the word "log" with almost alarming frequency. This has its origin (you're anticipating!) in the Greek term "logos," meaning "the

word or form which expresses a thought."

### ON TO "ATO"

Continuing to dissect the term dermatology from right to left, the next three letters are "ato," which we choose to ignore, so we arrive at the term "derm," to wit "skin." This interesting prefix of (what else?) Greek origin can be turned into a combining form, "dermato," add "logy" (not to be confused with logy, meaning dull) and we have "the word on skin" or "the science which treats of the skin, its structure, functions and diseases."

Next comes that specialty known as *medicine*. Sometimes you hear people refer to a doctor as a medical man. This has nothing to do with the medicine man of early American western lore. A medical man is also called an internist. Now don't confuse an internist with an intern, who may, nonetheless, aspire to become, and indeed someday may be, an internist.

According to Stedman's, internal medicine is "the branch of medicine which has to do with diseases not amenable to surgical treatment," and an internist is "one who treats internal diseases."

### WONDROUS CURES

Next is *neurology*. Ever since Uncle Ted was a tad, people have been hearing about wondrous cures for neuritis, neuralgia and "that sick all over feeling." This

doesn't get the student to the root of the matter, which is the graceful Grecian prefix, "neuro," a combining form meaning nerve. Thus, we have neurology as "a science dealing with diseases of the nervous system."

And, *neurological surgery*. The latter term is of French origin (thank heavens!) and Webster calls it the "medical science, art and practice concerned with the correction of deformities and defects, the repair of injuries by manual and instrumental operations."

We feel this requires no further elucidation and move directly to *obstetrics* and *gynecology*. . . We feel this needs no further elucidation and move directly to *ophthalmology*.

Incredible though it may seem, there are only 14 words in our Webster's that begin "Oph." And six of them pertain to the eye. Each of the 14 is worth reading (the first one is Ophelia and it says "she goes mad and is drowned"). However, we can't let our eyes stray from the word we are after, "ophthalmo"—the origin of which goes without saying—described as a "combining form meaning the eye or eyes."

### "ORTHO"-CORRECT

*Orthopedic Surgery* (we'll only dissect orthopedic since we've already covered surgery) pertains to correction or prevention of deformities. "Ortho" means straight, correct, right, proper. "Pedi" is a combining form (from Latin) meaning foot. However, it is incorrect to conceive of an orthopedic surgeon as a foot doctor. And in case you're thinking ahead, it's equally erroneous to call a pediatrician a foot doctor.

Before we go on to pediatrics, we have another "O" to cover: *otolaryngology* to be precise. Even though "oto" comes right under a magnificent latin phrase in our handy dictionary "otium cum dignitate, (leisure with dignity), it is not of Latin origin. And it doesn't mean anything like leisure, rather it is a combining form meaning "ear." And "laryngo" means larynx, which is the organ of voice  
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DR. H. HOUSTON MERRITT  
To Greet Participants

## CONFERENCE

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Grundfest, and F. A. Mettler, Department of Neurology, and Vernon B. Mountcastle, Department of Physiology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Participants from the Medical Center will include Drs. Michael V. Bennett, Department of Neurology, Tamas L. Frigyesi and James G. McMurtry, Department of Neurological Surgery and George D. Pappas, Department of Anatomy.

The Parkinson's Disease Information and Research Center was established at the Medical Center under a grant by the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness of the United States Public Health Service. (Stethoscope, March 1964.)

## From The Mailbag

"As I look back upon the six weeks I spent as a patient at Harkness and wonder what makes a hospital great I know it is more than organization and discipline. It is the human element, the kindness, consideration and thoughtfulness that I found at all the levels of service and I want you to know how deeply I appreciate it all. . . ." from a former patient at Harkness Pavilion

"There were times during my stay that I could not do much more than observe what was going on around me. On this floor, where patients' needs require such deep understanding, I did not find this help and understanding lacking. . . ." from a former patient at Neuro

## 1964 NOBEL PRIZE WINNER DID EARLY RESEARCH HERE

Dr. Konrad E. Bloch has won the 1964 Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology for his studies in cholesterol metabolism which began almost 25 years ago at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Dr. Bloch is now professor of Biochemistry at Harvard. Back in 1940, when his interest in cholesterol study developed, he was a 27-year-old research assistant in the Biochemistry Department at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The new Nobel laureate, a native of Neisse, Germany, first came to Columbia University as a student. He earned his Ph.D. in Biochemistry in 1938 and went on to carry out further research in the laboratories of the Medical Center.

### IMPORTANT STUDIES

The Biochemistry Department at that time was making important strides in the study of metabolism under the late Dr. Rudolph Schoenheimer and Dr. David Rittenberg, now department chairman.

Dr. Bloch was an instructor in the department in 1942 when his first published paper in cholesterol research appeared in *The Journal of Biological Chem-*

*istry*. The title was "On the Utilization of Acetic Acid for Cholesterol Formation." He and Dr. Rittenberg were co-authors.

### MANY ARTICLES

Dr. Bloch produced several more papers based on original cholesterol research during the next four years at the Medical Center before joining the faculty of the University of Chicago where he has continued his studies of cholesterol synthesis.

### ESSENTIAL TO LIFE

The large, complicated cholesterol molecule is present in all animals cells and is believed to be essential to life. Excessive accumulation of it in the human body has been associated with arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) and gallstones.

Dr. Bloch shared this year's Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology with Dr. Feodor Lynen of the Max Planck Institute for Cell Chemistry in Munich. The two chemists have worked out the 36 stages in which animal cells make cholesterol from acetic acid, the acid substance also present in vinegar.



Mrs. Mary Clark sews nurses' caps for Presbyterian Hospital students and graduates. Some of these caps are for graduates who are far-removed from the Medical Center.

## ...Feed Up on Strawberries Sugar and Cream...

They sit on a cushion and sew a fine seam—and the cushion is covered in blue and white Presbyterian stripes, and the fine seams go into fashioning Presbyterian Hospital nurses' caps, 2,000 of them each year.

Mrs. Mary Clark and Mrs. Mae Slattery are the ladies who do the fine handwork that goes into the making of the white India linen millinery which distinguishes our students and graduates. They also contribute to keeping our nursing students pert-looking and well-tailored.

These busy seamstresses in their sewing corner in Maxwell Hall do the fitting, altering and mending of all student uniforms, including the Public Health Service "blues" as well as the traditional full-skirted blue and white striped outfits. New

blouses are often added to "still good" skirts to extend the life of a uniform.

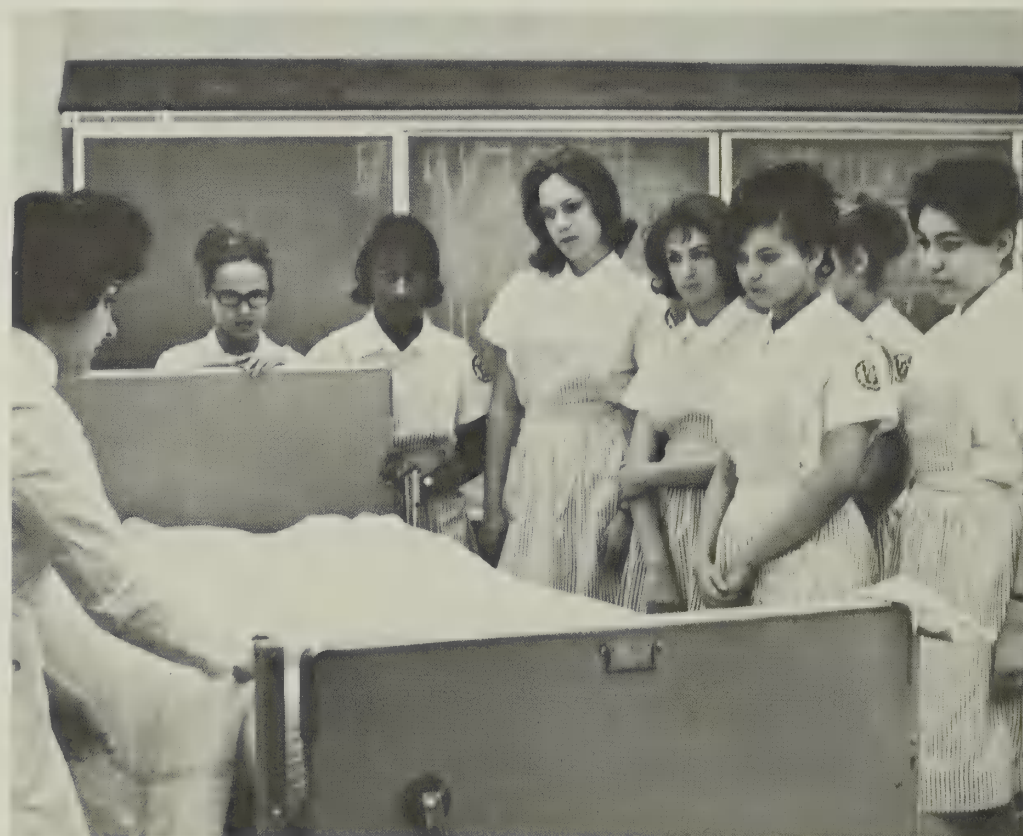
They keep on hand a supply of old blue and white uniforms from which they obtain their patching material as well as the frills for the cornflower boutonnières sold by the students on Alumni Day.

A nurse is known by the cap she wears and the traditional cuffed white confection that tops the tresses of Presbyterian nurses hasn't changed in pattern since the founding of the Nursing School seventy-five years ago. Then it was worn farther forward on the head to accommodate the pompadour hair styles of the day. The unstarched cuff was pinned back for anchorage. Today's nurse wears her cap stiffly starched, perched back with cuff points standing free.

### LINES UP POINTS

According to Miss Elizabeth Gill, Director of Nursing, caps should be worn with the points in line with the wearer's ear-tips.

Caps for nursing students are issued by the School. Graduates obtain new caps through the School office. A busy mail-order exchange accommodates the active nurses among the 3800 living graduates of the Nursing School who need replacement caps.



THERE'S A TRICK TO MAKING A HOSPITAL BED

A group of 28 students from Grace Dodge Vocational High School in the Bronx is enrolled here as junior volunteers as part of a training program that leads to licensing as practical nurses. The girls will be receiving instruction and experience here after school and on Saturday mornings through the end of May. According to Mrs. Marguerite Stein, director of Volunteers, the girls are presently working as feeders in Babies Hospital and the Eye Institute and are proving to be "a great help to the hospital."



## MRS. SCHAEFER

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Caroline (Clauss) Schaefer, a member of the Medical Center's 25 Year Club, has been working with patients here for 32 years. She has been in charge of the beauty shop since Jan. 6, 1938.

Schooled in hairdressing in Europe, in Alsace-Lorraine where she was born, Mrs. Schaefer came to the United States in 1928. Supporting herself by working in restaurants, she went to hairdressing school (Banford Academy) in Manhattan as a night student for three years to learn American styles and techniques.

She also studied English during this period, adding a new language to the French and German she grew up with. (She now speaks, reads and writes all three and is well on her way to a mastery of spoken Spanish and Italian.)

### HAIRDO THERAPY

In her more than three decades at the Medical Center, the talented beautician has provided her special therapy, the "tonic of a new hairdo," for thousands of patients from all over the United States and at least 32 other countries.

Her customers here have included such famous personalities as Elizabeth Taylor, Clare Boothe Luce, Anne Morrow Lindbergh and Cornelia Otis Skinner. Many woman doctors, nurses, secretaries and other Medical Center personnel are regulars in her shop.

The beauty salon here is a bright and cheerful eight-chair facility which was enlarged and modernized six years ago. It is located on the 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

Assisting Mrs. Schaefer in the shop are three other hairdressers, or "operators," as she calls them. They are Mrs. Lori Barley and two part time assistants, Mrs. Ann Gambino and Mrs. Odelia Gutierrez.

### OTTO SCHAEFER

And of course we can't forget Otto Schaefer, Caroline's husband for 31 years, associate in the salon for 14 years.

"Otto is an accountant by training," explained Mrs. Schaefer. "But during the war he was working in factories and developed asthma. Looking for another

## DR. CRIKELAIR WINS ALMA MATER AWARD

Dr. George F. Crikelair, director of Plastic Surgery at the Presbyterian Hospital, has been named winner of a 1964 St. Norbert College Alma Mater Award.

The award was presented October 24, during half-time of the college's annual homecoming football game.

Dr. Crikelair attended St. Norbert, located in De Pere, near Green Bay, Wis., for three years before receiving his A.B. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1942. He received his M.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1944 and interned at the U. S. Naval Hospital in San Diego, Calif.

Alma Mater Awards are

presented annually by the college "for vocational success and outstanding service in Christian life." Selections are made by the administration, acting on recommendations of national officers of the alumni association.

Dr. Crikelair, a native of Green Bay, Wis., has been on the staff of Presbyterian Hospital since 1950 and director of plastic surgery since 1959. He holds membership in 25 medical societies and has authored or co-authored more than 45 books and articles on various phases of plastic surgery.

line of work, he took up hairdressing."

In the beauty salon he answers the phone, handles appointments, takes care of the books—and gives permanents, whenever necessary.

One unusual but essential program that the salon offers is bedside service for patients who are not able to leave their rooms.

### BEDSIDE SERVICE

Shampooing a patient confined to bed is not the simplest of tasks, but it can be done, according to Mrs. Schaefer. "We always acquaint ourselves with a patient's physical limitations by consulting with the nurse in charge; then we proceed accordingly."

"But whenever they can, the ladies prefer to come up to the shop," she added. "It gives them a chance to get away from their room. And having their hair done is wonderful therapy, great for a patient's morale. Do you know, some women come up here in a wheelchair and, after seeing their new hairdo, they feel so good they walk from the shop!"

NOT THE INDIAN rope trick, but one of the workers on the concrete arrow-like piles which have been installed to support parking platforms.



## PARKING LOT NEARS COMPLETION

The new parking facilities at South Property, the corner of Fort Washington Ave. and 165th St., are nearing completion and expected to open during the latter part of January.

Eugene T. Cleary, administrative assistant of projects, said the parking garage is the first in New York City to be fabricated of pre-cast, pre-stressed concrete truss units. The garage will have a 250-car capacity and the entire parking lot will accommodate 760 cars.

There will be an increase in the parking fees when the new lot opens.

The garage design will make it possible to expand horizontally or vertically if future needs warrant such expansion. The current, three-level garage includes a ramp-heating feature which will prevent ice formation and prevent the ramps from becoming slippery during the winter.

A PANORAMIC VIEW of the new parking facilities at South Property, showing progress on the three-level parking garage which will open shortly after the first of the year.





## SPECIALTIES

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... which is to say that otolaryngology is the branch of medicine dealing with diseases of the ear and larynx.

Continuing down the path we find the word *pathology*. Pathos (Grecian grief or suffering) forms a combination which means the "science treating of diseases, their nature and causes."

### SHOT DOCTOR

Of course, every school child knows what a *pediatrician* is. He's a doctor who gives kids shots. In addition, he devotes his attention to the hygiene and diseases of children. Having made a vague reference earlier to pediatrics, perhaps we should add the following clarification: the "pedi" in pediatrics doesn't come from "pedi" which means foot, but comes from "pais" meaning child, and is combined with "iatrikos" which means relating to medicine.

Obviously, therefore, a pediatricist is not a foot doctor, but a pediatrician, especially since a foot doctor is a podiatrist, which means the same nowadays as chiropodist except that it limits the doctor to feet "pod" whereas the chiropodist once cared for hands too, which is suggested by "chiro," Greek for hand.

### PHYS LIKE FIZZ

What then, you may ask, is a *physiatrist*? One who specializes in physical medicine, the study and treatment of disease mainly by mechanical and other physical methods. Incidentally, the "phys" is pronounced "fizz" unless otherwise noted. Which brings us to fizziologist—oops—*physiologist*, not to be confused with physiatrist, although there is no reason why a physiologist couldn't be a physiatrist too or vice versa.

*Psychiatry*, of course, has become a household word, what with the id and ego and superego. Psychiatry comes from the Greek "psyche" and "iatrikos" we've already seen. The former means "mind," giving us the medical science dealing with mental hygiene and disorders.

## THE QUESTION BOX

Many inquiries concerning the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, its history, accomplishments, outstanding personnel, and so forth, are received in the Public Interest Office. Because answers to these questions may often be of interest to Stethoscope readers, they will appear from time to time in this column.

Questions should be referred to Public Interest, either in writing, or by telephoning extension 1911. We will make every effort to answer them and, if they are of sufficient general interest, to publish them here.

## Here Hessians Died, Sunday Preached And Chesbro Set Baseball Records

**Q. — The site of the Medical Center is said to have an interesting history. What facts are known?**

A.—During the Revolutionary War, the Medical Center site was a campground for British troops and Hessian soldiers of the von Donop Musketeer Regiment, who obtained their water from an excellent spring located at what is now Broadway and 168th Street. Remnants of their fireplaces were discovered about 45 years ago just north of the Armory (at 169th St. and Ft. Washington Ave.) by a field team from the New York Historical Society. They also found, it was reported, "fragments of the ubiquitous rum bottle." Perhaps the rum ran out in the bitter winter of 1776, when many of these soldiers died here from exposure and starvation.

Later, until 1907, the site contained the baseball stadium of the old New York Highlanders, forerun-

ners of the Yankees. The pitcher's mound was set where the Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel now stands. Many outstanding hurlers threw from this mound, including Hall of Famers Walter Johnson, Cy Young, Chief Bender and Eddie Plank, but none of them ever enjoyed such a successful single season as Jack Chesbro, the Highlanders' greatest pitcher, did in 1904. The tireless Jack set two modern major league records that year, pitching 48 complete games and winning 41. He also struck out 240 batters, a feat unmatched to date by any New York (A. L.) pitcher.

In 1910-11 the site was the location of the huge and popular tabernacle where the Rev. Billy Sunday, mediocre baseball player turned famed evangelist, urged Gothamites to "hit the sawdust trail" for Christ.

### Walcott Gifts To Cancer Fund

Gifts to the Presbyterian Hospital in memory of Mrs. Delphine (Wilde) Walcott are being allocated to the Dr. Cushman D. Haagenen Cancer Research Fund.

Mrs. Walcott, who died here Sept. 24, was a 1926 graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing and had been affiliated with the Medical Center since it opened in 1928. She had coordinated nursing service and education in the New York Orthopaedic Hospital since 1951.

Checks in her memory should be made payable to The Presbyterian Hospital.

### ACTINOLOGY?

A purist may wonder why *radiology* isn't called *actinology*. Aktin means ray or beam in Greek. Some Anglophile preferred radiology to define the science which treats of radiant energy, of the chemical and other actions of rays proceeding from luminous bodies, of those from radium and other radioactive substances, and of x-rays and the sources of these rays.

Having already analyzed *surgery*, we close with *urology*, that branch of medical science concerned with diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the genitourinary tract. Please check your own dictionary for further details.

## Thirteen Employees Weinberg Scholars

Thirteen employees of Presbyterian Hospital are enrolled for the Fall semester at area colleges, studying job-related courses under grants from the Sidney J. Weinberg Employees Educational Aid Reimbursement Fund.

Twelve of the scholars are degree candidates, including one for a doctorate, four for masters, six for bachelors, and one for associate in arts.

They are enrolled at eight schools: Columbia, Fordham and St. John's Universities; Manhattan, New York City Community, Pace and City Colleges, and Pratt Institute.

The number of employees studying under Weinberg aid this semester is lower than usual because of a recent ruling at New York City-supported colleges which eliminates tuition fees for matriculated students who are legal residents of the city. Many former Weinberg scholars are in this category and, therefore, no longer need such aid.

### RECIPIENTS

Employees whose applications for Weinberg aid have been approved are Patricia Ann Cassman, lab technician, Hematology; Carol Gardiner, caseworker, Social Service; Gloria Kadish, physical therapist, Physical Therapy; Winifred Karp, recreational therapist, Nursing; James Kiernan, accountant, Comptroller's Office; Antoniette Millsapp, x-ray technician, Radiology, and Letty Pogul, psychometrist, Pediatric Psychiatry.

Also, Joseph Ranucci, pharmacist, Pharmacy; John Ruddy, attendant, Nursing; Donna Siperek, x-ray technician, Radiology; Joyce Tyson, infant care technician, Nursing; Mary Louise Walsh, x-ray technician, Radiology, and Cynthia Zimmerman, occupational therapist, Occupational Therapy.

### In Memoriam

Dr. Lionel Abzug (D.D.S.), assistant professor of periodontology (Division of Stomatology) at Columbia's School of Dental and Oral Surgery, died of leukemia Oct. 20 in New York City. He was 36 years old.

Dr. Abzug was graduated from Columbia in 1948 and received his dental degree from the School of Dental and Oral Surgery in 1954. He later served two years as a graduate fellow in periodontology at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston.

### STARTED IN '62

The employees' educational aid fund was established in 1962 by Sidney J. Weinberg, a long-time trustee of Presbyterian Hospital.

Its purpose is to help employees prepare for greater responsibilities, improve their effectiveness on the job, and enhance their opportunities for promotion.

### MRS. BRITTEN

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Mrs. Britten's father, R. Gordon Wasson, a man who abandoned a career as financial writer for the New York Herald Tribune to become a banker. He recently retired from Morgan Guaranty Trust Company.

Since then, according to Mrs. Britten, he has devoted his enthusiastic energy to a study of mushrooms—not of the mushrooms themselves, but of the roles they play in various primitive cultures. His discoveries have resulted in a number of books.

Because Mrs. Britten handles much of her father's correspondence while he's on field trips abroad, she has become rather an authority herself on mushrooms. "But only through osmosis," she quipped.

"Masha" is the wife of Dr. John S. Britten, a 1958 graduate of Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons whom she met at the Medical Center. He is currently assistant physician and an associate in physiology here.

The Brittens have two children, Gordon Adams, 2, and Tina Anne, 8 months.

The family resides on Manhattan's East Side, where Mrs. Britten is a member of the education committee of the Yorkville Civic Council.



## MRS. AGNES FEENEY RETIRES TO CALIFORNIA HOME



Mrs. Agnes Feeney

Bonnie Agnes Feeney has retired and gone to live in California.

After thirty years as a diet aide at Neuro her cheerful presence there will certainly be missed. And Mrs. Feeney doesn't know either how she'll get along without her many friends and the familiar surroundings of her "second home."

Home has been in the Washington Heights area ever since Mrs. Feeney came to this country from Glasgow, Scotland. Soon after her arrival she came to work at Neurological Institute, in charge of the night cafeteria for staff.

### HOSPITAL FAMILY

Hers is a hospital-oriented family. Her husband, William, retired from the Maintenance Department here two years ago after 17 years service. Her two eldest sons, James and William, worked in the laundry here after school and during summer vacations from high school.

Mrs. Feeney, with an appealing Scottish burr, talks with pride about her three sons, two daughters, and 20 grandchildren. One story she tells is of the house in Anaheim, California, to which she and Mr. Feeney are moving which was given to them by their son James, an aviation engineer, who saved it for their retirement when he moved to larger quarters with his family of seven.

Mrs. Feeney acknowledges that she doesn't plan to have too much leisure. She hopes to go to work in the hospital close by her new home.

"I guess I'm just used to keeping busy," she explained.

### Christmas Contest To Be Dec. 7-18

The Annual Christmas Window Decorating Contest will be held this year from Dec. 7-18. Judging will be Dec. 21 and 22 and awards made on Dec. 23, Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., committee chairman, announced.

Entry blanks will be available Dec. 7 at Public Interest and at Nursing Stations and should be returned to Public Interest before 5 p.m. Dec. 18. Paints and brushes will be available after Dec. 4 from the Occupational Therapy Department, BH 5-532 weekdays before 11 a.m. Painting should not begin before Dec. 5.



Test subject Al Landa, in harness, takes a trial stroll with assistance of the modified Lunar Gravity Simulator set up in the gymnasium of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation unit. Staff physical therapist George Corbett, left, stabilizes the platform with the help of Samuel Feitelberg.

## "Moonwalking" May Help

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vice, to determine whether it might have some clinical application in the rehabilitation of handicapped patients.

NASA's Office of Technology Utilization feels that such a gravity-reducing apparatus may facilitate muscle-strengthening exercise in certain patients with generalized weakness.

To test their theory, Sam, who also holds the title of coordinator of physical and occupational therapy, has built an experimental model in the physical medicine and rehabilitation unit, located in Neurological Institute.

The device Sam has created here is a duplicate, in miniature, of the huge one

NASA uses to train our future moon-men in the tricky art of lunar ambulation.

The apparatus suspends the body in a near-horizontal position, so that gravity is reduced to one-sixth of normal—the same as it is on the moon. This suspension is accomplished by a series of cables, attached to slings, which comfortably support a person's head, chest, hips, and the calf of each leg.

In this unusual position, a test subject walks, runs or leaps along the side of a wall. The support cables are rigged so that such free movement is easily accomplished.

Sam speaks enthusiastically about his experience as

a test subject with the Lunar Gravity Simulator at NASA's research center.

"Because the device reduces gravity to one sixth of the normal, a 180-pounder weighs only 30 pounds. If you can normally jump four feet, with the same effort you can jump 24. It was exhilarating."

With similar enthusiasm, Sam and his staff therapist, Al Landa, are "working the bugs out" of their adaptation of the Lunar Gravity Simulator, which is built from available cables, pulleys and slings.

"Once we have it perfected," he said, "we'll find out how useful this 'moon-man's' device may be in helping our patients exercise and strengthen their weakened muscles."

**SAMUEL FEITELBERG, LOOKING LIKE A SPACE CADET, IS SHOWN GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF AN ASTRONAUT LANDING ON THE MOON. AT THE NASA RESEARCH CENTER, HE WAS ATTACHED TO THE LUNAR GRAVITY SIMULATOR, WHICH REDUCED GRAVITY PULL TO ONE SIXTH OF NORMAL. IN THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPH, (LEFT) MR. FEITELBERG IS PREPARING TO LAND ON HIS HANDS. IN THE MIDDLE PHOTO HE LANDS, AND AFTER GETTING ON HIS FEET, STARTS WALKING (RIGHT).**







INTERIOR WORK ON P&S ALUMNI AUDITORIUM NEARS COMPLETION  
Progress on the new Alumni Auditorium of the College of Physicians and Surgeons is visible in this picture, which shows workmen in the balcony making preparations for the installation of seats. The \$1,100,000 building, which will have a seating capacity of 716, is to be dedicated with impressive ceremonies on May 1, 1965, as part of the P&S Alumni Day program. The alumni are raising fund to finance the auditorium, one of the building projects in the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center's \$50,000,000 Development Program.

## TRIP TO ETERNAL FLAME INSPIRES HER TO POETRY

Along with most Americans on that Black Friday last November, Pearl Sneden was stunned upon learning that an assassin's bullets had snuffed out the vigorous life of John F. Kennedy. She wrote a letter of sympathy to the President's young widow and vowed to make a pilgrimage one day to his final resting place. At present Miss Sneden, secretary to Comptroller J. G. McCullough, is quietly raising donations for the Kennedy Memorial Library in Boston. The poetic thoughts that follow were jotted down by her after a July visit to Arlington Cemetery and the Eternal Flame that marks the simple grave of the late President.

### THOUGHTS AFTER A VISIT TO THE ETERNAL FLAME

By  
PEARL E. SNEDEN

#### PILGRIMAGE

President, statesman, husband and father,  
Friend of all men who walk in God's sun,  
Gently rest, God is nigh, your work is done.  
Long lines of pilgrims are paying you homage,  
Their sweet prayers ascending to God's throne above.  
God grant that your memory may burn as eternal  
As the flame that marks your place in Arlington.

#### JACQUELINE

Memories, poignant and bitter-sweet, were etched upon her heart.  
Her two little children trustingly sought her.  
In their lives she played the part of  
Mother, confidant, playmate and teacher.  
How did she do it?  
How did she start to pick up the pieces, and begin again?  
Her young life was shattered; her sweet dreams lay broken  
(Those beautiful lost dream of what might have been).  
Love and Faith sustained her!  
Dear God, bless and keep her,  
For "Valiant" is the word for Jack's Jacqueline.

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## English Societies Hear Dr. Goldwater

Dr. Leonard J. Goldwater, professor of Occupational Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, was the 1964 Harben Lecturer in London, October 13-15.

He was the third American to deliver these lectures, which have been given annually since the close of the 19th Century under sponsorship of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.

An authority on public health measures to counteract industrial hazards, Dr. Goldwater spoke on "Occupational Exposure to Mercury."

### OTHER LECTURES

While in England, he also represented the American Medical Association at the annual conference of the Royal Institute, which he addressed on "Present Status of Occupational Medicine in the United States." He also spoke before the British Industrial Biological Research Association and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Dr. Goldwater is former president of the American Academy of Occupational Medicine and is a member of the advisory panel on social and occupational health of the World Health Organization.

## Nurses Seek Cakes For Nov. 6th Sale

A cake sale, sponsored by the Nursing Department's Graduate Staff and Social Committee, will be held this Friday (Nov. 6) in the private dining room (PH-1-50) opposite the cafeteria exit.

The committee hopes to sell enough cakes, cookies and other baked goodies to finance the trip of a Presbyterian Hospital graduate staff nurse to the International Council of Nurses meetings next June in Frankfurt, Germany.

A drawing at a later meeting of the committee will determine which nurse will represent our nursing staff.

The sale begins at 11 a.m. and will continue until everything is sold.

Persons who wish to bake something for the sale—or make some other contribution—should contact the nursing office, telephone extension 3181. The dining room (PH-1-50) will be open from 7:30 a.m. Friday to receive baked goods.



### DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM INAUGURATED

The Dental School has started the nation's first undergraduate training program for teachers of Dental Hygiene through a grant of \$129,550 from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Nearly half of the current 40 undergraduates in the Dental Hygiene course will take advantage of this new program in the School of Dental and Oral Surgery. Pictured above are senior dental hygiene students (from left) Betty Anderson, Pat Monahan and Anita Carlile, with Mrs. Patricia McLean, acting director of Courses for Dental Hygienists here.

## Dr. M. R. Murray Receives Multiple Sclerosis Award

Dr. Margaret R. Murray (Ph.D.), professor of anatomy at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has received the highest scientific honor awarded by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The society's Golden Hope Chest Scientific Award was presented to Dr. Murray October 10 in New Orleans, La. It recognized her pioneering work in developing advanced techniques now widely used in the laboratory study of central nervous system tissue in culture.

In addition to the award, a specially mounted medalion, she also received a \$1000 stipend.

Multiple sclerosis is a disabling disease of the central nervous system. It attacks the myelin sheath which surrounds nerve fibers and, presumably, serves as a protective insulation.

Using techniques perfected by Dr. Murray, society-sponsored research scientists now observe and photograph the growth and destruction of myelin in cultures of mammalian brain and spinal cord tissue kept alive for extended periods of time *in vitro* (literally, "under glass").

Dr. Murray, who earned her Ph.D. degree in zoology (magna cum laude) at the University of Chicago, 1926, has been affiliated with the College of Physicians and Surgeons for 36 years.

## List Nov. Delafield Saturday Lectures

Dr. Ruth Sager (Ph.D.) of Columbia's Department of Zoology will speak on "Extra-nuclear DNA and Non-chromosomal Genes" at 10 a.m. Nov. 21 in the Auditorium of Delafield Hospital, 99 Ft. Washington Ave., at 164th Street.

Other November programs in the Delafield Saturday Lecture Series, sponsored by American Cancer Society, New York City Division, are:

Nov. 7—"The Labile Chorioallantoic Membrane," Dr. James D. Ebert (Ph.D.), Carnegie Institute of Washington;

Nov. 14—"Protein Synthesis Directed by Virus RNA," Dr. Daniel Nathans, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Jack O'Lantern needed some dental work and two ready helpers were Joseph Youmans and Arthur Pollard, patients in Babies Hospital, who had him ready for Halloween.







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## A GIFT OF GOOD HEALTH

### A Teacher Returned to Her Students



"I won't be a teacher who paces back and forth," quipped Ruth Zerner, center, as she returned to her Hunter College classroom after a long hospitalization.

### Young Women, Rehabilitated, Resume Careers

When Ruth Zerner was rushed by ambulance to Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, she thought she was suffering from intestinal flu.

A few days later, the attractive 27 year old Hunter College history instructor was totally paralyzed by a severe case of polyneuritis, a blockage of the nerve impulses.

Ruth was in acute respiratory distress. She could move her eyes. Nothing else. Even her eyelids were paralyzed.

#### EYES DID HER ONLY TALKING

A Bird respirator was employed to make Ruth breathe. This was to be her lifeline for the next two and a half months. She learned to move her eyes up and down to say "yes," sideways to say "no." She had no other means of communication.

Ruth recently recalled that harrowing experience which hospitalized her from October of 1962 until October 1963. In an interview held in the quiet of a small conference room at Hunter College in the Bronx, she relived the long months she spent in the Neurological Institute at the Medical Center.

Usually, the cause of polyneuritis, an inflammation of the nerves that paralyzes by preventing transmission of

### A Nurse Caring for Patients Again



Marie Farinella, back on duty at Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, N. J., believes she is a better nurse as a result of having been a patient.

nerve impulses, is unknown. Whatever the cause, its effect on Ruth was devastating.

During the first several weeks in Neurological Institute, she was totally dependent upon the respirator. Even with that, she went through periodic respiratory crises and required around-the-clock vigil by nurses.

#### MUCH TIME FOR REFLECTION

In a letter to one of her professors at the University of California in Berkeley, where Ruth received her doctorate in history in 1962, she said:

"During the first two months of my hospitalization, my memories of California... sometimes seemed more real to me than my illness and the treatment that I was undergoing at the time.

"Since I was unable to move or speak during the first month of my sickness, I had much time for reflection and contem-

plation. You can probably imagine that in such a situation even a historian would spend more time than usual recalling and recreating past experiences. Sather Gate, Dwinelle Plaza, El Capitan, Lake Tahoe, were almost as vivid to me as the machines and flowers which surrounded me during the time of my crisis.

"In addition to using my historical imagination, I drew upon spiritual resources. My minister read selections from the Psalms during those months. I gained new understanding and appreciation for the beauty and depth of thought in that particular book of the Bible.

#### THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

"It is my hope that the people who prayed for me during that time gained as much from the experience of praying as I

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### TO OUR STAFF AND PERSONNEL

As the Christmas Season approaches, expressions of gratitude increase from patients we have been privileged to help. All of us who are a part of the Presbyterian Hospital share the satisfaction that many we have served will enjoy this Christmas with their families.

Their appreciation inspires us to renewed dedication in our efforts to bring comfort, under-

standing and skilled care to the patients who must remain hospitalized over the holidays, as well as to all those who will seek our help during the coming year.

May the joy of giving of yourself for the benefit of others fill your Christmas Season and the New Year with happiness.

A. J. BINKERT  
Executive Vice President

**M**any Christmas parties are scheduled for various areas of the hospital during the holiday season.

**E**nter window painting contest are available beginning Dec. 7 at nurses stations.

**R**eturn your window decorating contest blanks to Public Interest, PH 4-32, by Dec. 18.

**R**emember the Hospital's special funds for our needy patients on your Christmas gift list.

**Y**ou may look forward to the lighting of outdoor trees beginning at dusk on Dec. 17.

**C**aroling procession by nurses and house staff begins at 7:30 on Christmas Eve.

**H**ousekeeping employees will deliver trees, wreaths, decorations to floors Dec. 21.

**R**eligious observances will be held as usual on Christmas morning in the Chapel.

**I**nterest in the Dolls' Tea Party is running high. It's slated for 3:30 p.m. Dec. 22.

**S**pecial broadcasts of Christmas music will be heard daily over our own Channel 1.

**T**rays for patients will be festively decorated on Christmas by Food Service employees.

**M**ail cards to hospital friends early. Include their department in the address to aid Mail Room.

**A**nnual Candlelight Vespers is scheduled this year for 5:15 p.m. Dec. 16 in Chapel.

**S**tethoscope's staff wishes to each and every one of you a very joyous Christmas.



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## STETHOSCOPIA

### ■ MERRY CHRISTMAS

May Santa be good to you and the New Year bring you all you wish for. Don't forget that Stethoscopia depends on your news notes to keep us in print.

### ■ WEDDING BELLS

*Susanne Leib*, R.N. in Presbyterian, married Lt. Harold D. Jones in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel. The couple will reside in Bangor, Me. *Judith O'Rourke*, R.N. in Presbyterian, became Mrs. Robert Troop; *Anne Denmark*, R.N. at Mary Harkness, married Edward Barrett of Mt. Vernon. The wedding took place Nov. 28 in East Orange, N. J.

### ■ CUPID'S GOT THEM

*Dr. Marianne J. Legato*, senior assistant resident in medicine, plans to marry *Dr. Paul Killian*, chief medical resident on the First Medical Division, Bellevue. *Tabby Cummings*, secretary in Babies, will marry Thomas Cochran of Plainfield, N. J. on Feb. 20. *Penelope Post*, R.N. in Eye Institute, will marry *Dr. Robert Lewis*, P&S '63, in January.

### ■ NEWS FROM PORT CHESTER

*Gladys Barrett*, Unit Manager at Mary Harkness, and *Mrs. Helen Gosline*, Staff Nurse, are on a winter cruise to San Juan and Virgin Islands.

Christmas events at Mary Harkness include concerts by the St. Cecilia Singers and Keynoters, both of Greenwich, Conn., and a program by the Westminster Choir of Rye Presbyterian Church.

### ■ THE BABY MART

*Mrs. Edna Casey*, Clinic Administration, welcomed her second granddaughter; *Joseph Gentile*, Maintenance and Construction, and *Mrs. Gentile* have a fourth child, Joseph, Jr.

### ■ WE WELCOME...

Three new operators are in the Communications Center: *Richard Sosa*, *Mrs. Bettyanne Crosby* and *Gerald Denlinger*.

### ■ CONGRATULATIONS

*Mrs. Dorothy La Rose*, new supervisor of the Communications Center; *Catherine Armstrong*, supervisor in PH Operating Room; *Susan Clancy*, *Kathleen Dougherty* and *Patricia Drake* promoted to head nurse in PH Operating Room; *Elizabeth Bailey*, *Linda Obalde*, head nurses in Neuro Operating Room; *Deborah Dingwall*, head nurse in PH; *Mary Wigmore*, head nurse in Sloane, and *Jean Marie Da More*, head nurse in Babies Hospital.

### ■ NOTABLE NEWS ITEMS

Columbia-Presbyterian Nursing School will hold its annual Junior Bazaar Dec. 10, 4:30-10:30 p.m., at Maxwell Hall. The theme: "This Land is Your Land." The purpose: to raise money for a donation to Children's Aid Society, to support scholarships, and to send a second year student to the meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Germany this June.

## Suggestions for Faster Christmas Mail Service

Anticipating the annual avalanche of Christmas mail, John Campbell, mail room supervisor, urges Medical Center staff and personnel to honor the following suggestions:

- Whenever possible, send cards to Medical Center friends at their home address, using the Federal mail system.
- If it becomes necessary to use the hospital mails, please indicate the recipient's complete hospital address, including department.
- In any case, please post all Christmas mail by Dec. 15.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

DR. GEORGE K. SMELSER, Professor of Anatomy assigned to Ophthalmology, presented a paper "New Concepts in Anatomy and Histology of the Cornea" at the World Congress on the Cornea held in Washington, D. C. recently. Dr. Smelser also took part in the annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology in Chicago where he assisted Dr. A. GERARD DEVOE, Director of Ophthalmology, in a course on cornea offered to the Academy for the first time. Dr. Smelser initiated the discussion of the paper on corneal anatomy. DR. JOSEPH A. C. WADSWORTH, Attending Ophthalmologist, presented papers at the Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology and at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Department of Ophthalmology recently.



Dr. George K. Smelser

DR. GABRIEL G. NAHAS, Professor and Director of Research, Department of Anesthesiology, was the guest speaker at a seminar at Worcester, Mass. Foundation for Experimental Biology; participated in a symposium on Shock and Hypotension organized by the Nassau Academy of Medicine; was chairman of a conference on Current Concepts of Acid-Base Measurements held under the auspices of New York Academy of Sciences at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York; participated in a symposium on Intravenous Fluids in Hemorrhagic Hypovolemia and Shock organized by National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council, Washington, D. C., and will be chairman of a panel on Acid-Base Regulation of the Postgraduate Assembly of N. Y. State Society of Anesthesiologists at New York Hilton Hotel, Dec. 14.

DR. KELVIN LINDGREN, resident in Otolaryngology, presented a paper at the recent section on Otolaryngology at the New York Academy of Medicine.

DR. MAXIMILIAN SILBERMANN, Associate Attending Neurologist, was elected President of the Medical Board of

the Union Health Center, International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, New York.

DRS. MELVIN GRUMBACH, Associate Attending Pediatrician, MEYER M. MELICOW, Assistant Urologist, and JOHN K. LATTIMER, Director of Urology, held a symposium on Sex Chromosomes and Anomalies of Sexual Differentiation before the Section on Urology at New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Melicow participated in a panel discussion on The Prostatic Nodule before the Albert Einstein College of Medicine recently.

At the 33rd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics DRS. STANLEY B. BRAHAM, ARCHIE L. DEAN, JR., DONALD M. GLEASON, MELICOW, and AURELIO C. USON, Assistant Urologists, discussed pediatric urologic problems after a speech of welcome by DR. LATTIMER, who was program chairman for the Committee on Urology.

DR. RALPH J. VEENEMA, Associate Attending Urologist, presented papers at the 5th National Cancer Congress, Philadelphia, and at the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons.

DR. HARRY M. ROSE, Director of Microbiology, was appointed Chairman of the Virology and Rickettsiology Study Section, Division of Research Grants, National Institutes of Health. Recently Dr. Rose moderated a panel discussion on Viral Infections of the Respiratory Tract at the Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn. The discussion was part of a teaching conference for general practitioners, sponsored by Brooklyn Tuberculosis and Health Association.



Dr. Harry M. Rose

DR. BELA MARQUIT, Assistant Attending Otolaryngologist, introduced Dr. Georg Bekesy, Nobel Prize winner in Medicine, as the Semmelweis Lecturer at the recent meeting of the American-Hungarian Medical Association.

DR. J. LAWRENCE POOL, Director of Service of Neurological Surgery, gave a paper at Societe de Neurochirurgie de Langue Francaise in Montreal, Canada; participated in

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## In Memoriam

### DR. GEORGE V. BROWNE

Dr. George V. Browne, formerly associate attending otolaryngologist at Presbyterian Hospital and associate professor of clinical otolaryngology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, died of a heart ailment Nov. 25 in Harkness Pavilion. He was 72 years old.

Born in Mount Hope, N. J., he received his M.D. degree from Boston University in 1924. He interned for two years at St. John's Hospital then was a resident in Ear, Nose and Throat at Bellevue, 1926-28.

He had been on the staff here since 1928 and was a member of the Medical Center's 25 Year Club. He retired in 1958, but remained on an inactive status in the Department of Otolaryngology until 18 months ago.

Dr. Browne is survived by his widow, Genevieve Healy Browne, a former dietitian at Presbyterian Hospital; a daughter, Sally; two sons,

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### DR. ARTHUR C. LADD

Dr. Arthur C. Ladd, assistant professor of occupational medicine at Columbia's School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine, died Dec. 1 at his Manhattan home. He was 50 years old.

Born in Hutchinson, Kansas, he received his A.B. and M.D. degrees from the University of Kansas. After a two-year internship at Grasslands Hospital, Valhalla, N. Y., he was employed by United Airlines as regional manager of medical services in San Francisco.

In 1957 he received a two-year fellowship in industrial medicine from the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and studied at Harvard University, receiving a master's degree in industrial health. After completing his studies at Harvard, he became a research associate in occupational medicine here.

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## Hold Memorial Service For Dr. A. R. Dochez

A memorial service for Dr. A. Raymond Dochez was held Dec. 7 in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel. Dr. Dochez was a consultant in Medicine at Presbyterian Hospital and John E. Borne Professor Emeritus of Medical and Surgical Research at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons. He died on June 30 at the Medical Center after a long illness, at the age of 82.

Dr. Yale Kneeland, Jr., longtime friend and associate of Dr. Dochez, delivered the tribute. The service was conducted by the Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Jr. and the Rev. Guy S. Vinci.



## YULE SONG

By  
MARY WELLINGTON

And now the tempo of each day  
Is merrier than before;  
Snowflakes swirl in gayer play . . .  
There's holly on the door!

Church bells lend a lilting sound,  
Sweet carols fill the air.  
'Neath lighted trees gifts abound  
Wrapped in bright magic there.

The joy of giving fills our hearts  
With kindness, love and cheer,  
As this most Hallowed Season starts  
To crown the parting year.

## The Commonwealth Fund's Million Dollar Gift Honors Memory of E. S. Harkness

The Commonwealth Fund has announced a \$1,000,000 gift to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York as a contribution to the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Program in memory of Edward S. Harkness.



EDWARD S. HARKNESS

In a joint announcement, Malcolm P. Aldrich, Chairman of the Board of The Commonwealth Fund, and General Lucius D. Clay, Chairman of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Committee, said the gift is to be used toward the cost of reconstructing the second and fourth floors in the Presbyterian Hospital.

Mr. Aldrich said the gift was made "in memory of Edward S. Harkness whose deep and abiding interest in the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center is well known."

(Mr. Harkness was a principal figure in the conception and building of the Medical Center in Washington Heights during the mid-1920's; he is generally regarded as the institution's greatest benefactor. The Commonwealth Fund, established by the family of the late Mr. Harkness, has

continued his interest in the Medical Center.)

Mr. Aldrich added, "Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center is recognized today as one of the world's leading centers of teaching, research, and patient care, and it is in the furtherance of this mission, and because of the great importance that such a medical center is to New York City and to the nation, that this grant is made."

General Clay termed the gift "most generous and typical of The Commonwealth Fund's distinguished record  
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## Cakes Pave the Way To Germany For A Lucky Nurse

Proceeds from the cake sale held Nov. 6 by the Department of Nursing amounted to \$515.

The money will send a staff nurse to Frankfurt, Germany as a representative of the graduate nurses of The Presbyterian Hospital at the June 1965 meeting of the International Council of Nurses. The lucky nurse will be selected by lot from a list of candidates submitted by the various nursing services.

**(Judith N. Derkocz, a permanent night duty nurse on the fourth floor of Babies Hospital, was recently chosen to attend the meetings in Germany. More about Miss Derkocz next month.)**

The Nursing Department expresses its sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the cake sale.

### PLEASE RETURN PLATES & PANS

Some cakes and pies contributed to the sale were inadvertently sold complete with plate or pan. It is requested that these be returned to the Nursing Office, PH-4-125.

## "Grand Lady of Nursing" Showered With Affection on Her 90th Birthday

More than 125 friends, associates, former students and classmates paid a 90th birthday tribute Nov. 19 to Miss Helen Young, Presbyterian Hospital's Director Emeritus of Nursing.

The party, held in Maxwell Hall, was an outpouring of their respect and affection for the remarkable Canadian-born nurse who was the protege and personally-groomed successor of the Hospital's first nursing director, Anna C. Maxwell.

Among those present to honor Miss Young were many nurses whose careers were influenced by her great skill and understanding as teacher, administrator, advisor and friend. These included the present director of nursing, Elizabeth S. Gill, and Miss Gill's two immediate predecessors as director, Miss Eleanor Lee and Miss Margaret E. Conrad.

### FUR SCARF & A CHECK

Also present were two classmates from the Class of 1912, Miss Anne Penland and Mrs. Anna Dickinson Jamieson.

On behalf of some 500 members of the Nursing Alumnae Association and various other friends who contributed cash gifts, Mrs. Masha Wasson Britten, Alumnae President, presented Miss Young with a check and a sable scarf.

The party, held two days after Miss Young's birthday, was arranged by Miss Cecile Covell, Class of 1926.

Those attending represented only a small percentage of the well-wishers who sent flowers and overflowed Miss Young's mailbox with birthday cards, telegrams and letters (more than 500 pieces of mail at last count).

### EXPRESSIONS OF AFFECTION

The gifts and other expressions of affection give some idea of the esteem that so many people reserve for the amazingly spry and alert woman who has been called Presbyterian Hospital's "Grand Lady of Nursing."

Born November 17, 1874 of Scottish parents in Chatham, Ontario, Canada, she was a teacher in public schools in Ontario for 13 years until, at age 34, she turned her talents and energies to a new career.

She entered the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in 1909 and, because of her maturity and outstanding abilities, quickly came to the attention of Anna M. Maxwell.

The first director of Presbyterian's nursing school personally selected Miss Young as her assistant in 1917. When Miss Maxwell retired four years later, her protege suc-



THE CORONATION OF OUR QUEEN OF NURSING

Miss Helen Young, Director Emeritus of Nursing, has an appropriately regal appearance as she reigns over festivities on her 90th birthday.

ceeded her as head of nursing service and education in the hospital.

Miss Young ably carried on her predecessor's crusade to establish nursing as a socially acceptable profession for young ladies. It was under her direction in 1937 that the School of Nursing of Presbyterian Hospital became the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine of Columbia University.

During her 21 years as director, Miss Young taught and inspired thousands of nurses who went on to care for sick persons all over the world. Many hospitals in the United States and overseas countries sought and received her aid in establishing or revising their own programs of nursing education.

She was also originator and first co-editor of Lippincott's "Quick Reference Book for Nurses," first published in 1933. Now in its eighth printing, the book is used by some 100,000 graduate nurses throughout the English-speaking world.

Miss Young served two terms as president of both the New York State and New York City Leagues of Nursing Education. In 1938 she was instrumental in the passage of the State's Nurse Practice Act, which defined what duties a graduate nurse may and may not perform.

## 2 Dec. Lectures At Delafield

The Delafield Saturday Lecture Series, supported by the American Cancer Society, New York City Division, Inc. will have the following 10 a.m. programs in the Auditorium at Delafield Hospital this month.

Dr. Kurt J. Isselbacher of the Harvard Medical School will give a lecture on December 12. His topic will be Intestinal Absorption of Lipids—Biochemical Aspects. On December 19, Dr. Irving H. Goldberg of Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, will lecture on Studies on the Biosynthesis of Thyroglobulin.

For her outstanding contributions to nursing and to the Medical Center, she was presented Columbia University's Medal of Excellence in 1937, and in 1953, on the 25th anniversary of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, she became the first woman to receive the Center's Distinguished Service Medal.

Miss Young is still very active in activities of the School of Nursing's Alumnae Association. She is the organization's treasurer, a position she has held since 1917.



## Christmas Calendar

### Christmas Parties:

- CEREBRAL PALSY child patients' party: Doctors' Dining Room, 2 p.m. Dec. 13.
- DOLLS' TEA PARTY, with display of dolls to be given child patients on Christmas: BH Board Room, 3:30 p.m. Dec. 22.
- ORTHOPEDIC CHILD patients' party: BH-5, 2 p.m. Dec. 15.
- PEDIATRIC CLINIC party for child out-patients of all services: VC-4, 3 p.m. Dec. 17.
- MARY HARKNESS Convalescent Home party, sponsored by the Home's Auxiliary: 7 p.m. Dec. 17.
- P&S CLUB party: Bard Hall, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18. (Dancing at 9 p.m.)

### Special Musical Events and Religious Services:

CANDLELIGHT VESPER Service: The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel, 5:15 p.m. Dec. 16.

### In the Wards:

- MELODY QUARTET, caroling on the wards: 2:30 p.m. Dec. 16.
- VESPER CAROLERS, caroling on the wards, 5:15 p.m. Dec. 18.
- DOCTORS AND NURSES in traditional caroling procession through the hospital: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24.
- SANTA CLAUS will visit patients, young and adult, on Christmas morning.

### Special Christmas Music over Bedside Broadcasting System (Channel 1):

ORGAN MUSIC AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS: daily from Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m.

### Half-hour Broadcasts

- SHELL CHORUS: 7 p.m. Dec. 16.
- EQUITABLE LIFE CHORUS: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21.
- ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHORISTERS: 4:30 p.m. Dec. 23.
- HOSPITAL MUSIC SERVICE: 3 p.m. Dec. 20.

### Christmas Day Religious Services in Chapel:

- ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS, 7 a.m.
- PROTESTANT SERVICE, Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.

## Rev. Dr. Van Dusen to Speak At Christmas Vesper Service

The Rev. Dr. Henry Pitt Van Dusen, president emeritus of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, will deliver the Christmas meditation at the annual Candlelight Vespers Service in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel.

One of the most beautiful and inspiring events of the holiday season, the traditional service of music and light will be held at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Music during the service will be by the 50-voice P&S Choir, made up of medical students, student nurses, and other staff members.

Participants will also include the Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Jr., Chaplain of Presbyterian Hospital; Dr. George A. Perera, associate dean, P&S; Edwin M. Barton, director of student activities, P&S; Robert Ashman, chairman of the Vespers Committee, and William McCullough, president of the P&S Club, which sponsors the annual Christmas service.

On Christmas Eve at 7:30, a chorus of nurses and members of the house staff will take part in the traditional caroling procession through the patient care areas of the Hospital.

Christmas Day religious ob-

servances in the Chapel will follow the schedule of previous years: Roman Catholic Mass, 7 a.m., Protestant Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.

The familiar music of Christmas will be programmed over the Hospital's own Radio Channel 1, beginning on Dec. 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m. daily. Additional programs by guest choral groups will be broadcast at other times throughout the holiday season.



The 50-voice P&S Choir, shown above, sings at Candlelight Vesper Service Dec. 16 in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel. Medical students, student nurses, and other staff personnel are members.

# A GIFT OF GOOD

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gained from the experience of being prayed for."

Ruth paused for a moment, looking out the window at the peaceful, autumnal campus. The sun was hanging low and shafts of sunlight penetrated the latticework outside.

### FLUNKED, BUT NOT BADLY

"I'm not sure when it was, I guess after about five weeks, I was beginning to move my head a little and the doctors wanted to see if I could breathe for three minutes on my own. I flunked the test. I did breathe by myself, but I needed the respirator before the three minutes were up. This was the beginning, though.

Seven weeks later, Ruth was transferred to the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation unit on the eighth floor of Neurological Institute. She had won her independence from the respirator. Although her ability to move was still severely limited and she could neither sit up nor walk, she had regained her power of speech.

"I can't describe the sense of elation I felt when I arrived on the eighth floor," Ruth exclaimed.

### ON THE ROAD BACK

"I felt as if I were no longer sick. Disabled, yes, but not sick. The atmosphere in that unit is exhilarating. It's colorful, attractive, cheerful—every good adjective you can think of. I enjoyed the paintings, the dining room overlooking the Hudson, the gymnasium, and most of all the people. I was about to begin a program of physical medicine geared to my particular needs and it seemed as though this at last was the road back to full health.

"It wouldn't be true to say that I was never discouraged. But even during the most crit-

ical phase of my illness, the doctors made me understand that the prognosis was good and that I should make a complete recovery. So, I never gave up hope."

### MEETING WITH MARIE

It was when Ruth gradually was regaining some use of her hands and arms (it took several weeks just to be able to hold a paperback book) that she met Marie Farinella. As a matter of fact, they were roommates.

Marie, an attractive, dark-eyed brunet, is a 25 year old instructor in medical and surgical nursing at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, N. J. Her experience was similar, though not as severe, as Ruth's. Marie arrived home from work one night weak and exhausted. The next morning she couldn't get out of bed.

### IN THE SAME BOAT

By the time she arrived at Columbia-Presbyterian, she was paralyzed from the waist down and movement of her arms and torso was greatly impaired.

"I guess Ruth and I were in about the same boat when I arrived on the eighth floor," Marie recalled.

"For the next month and a half, I settled into a pattern of physical medicine and rehabilitation designed to restore my ability to function. I awakened at six every morning and the chaplain would come to give me communion. Later, I had breakfast. I couldn't feed myself but I never lost my appetite!

"At about nine o'clock I was taken into the gymnasium. The therapist always made the exercises interesting and varied so I wouldn't get bored and would work with all my muscles.

"Afternoons consisted of a rest period followed by more

time in the gym. I almost enjoyed the wonderful therapy of re-learning to walk in a Hubbard tank. The water, slings and parallel bars provided support. The water was warm and pleasantly relaxing. It was kept circulating to help massage the muscles.

### THRILLED TO POUR

"I remember after about five weeks how thrilled I was to be able to hold a pot of coffee and pour for myself.

"I wasn't allowed to do any writing, but I did a lot of reading. I can't say enough good things about everyone on the hospital staff during my hospitalization. I must admit that I spent a good deal of time thinking about the role of a nurse. It gave me a little different perspective. I had experienced the nurse-patient relationship, but the roles were reversed. I began to realize how intensely aware the patient is of every movement, expression and word of her nurse."

Marie came into the hospital in April of 1963. After the first few weeks, every new motion she could make seemed like another tremendous leap forward.

### SURPRISE FOR MARIE

"The biggest surprise and thrill came after six weeks when I was told that I could go home for the weekend. I had to be careful, of course, since I was still very dependent on others. But walking through the front door that weekend was like passing the threshold that would lead to a normal life again."

Home for Marie is the house her parents, Theodore and Lydia Farinella, own in Englewood, N. J., where her father is a plumbing and heating contractor. Her hospitalization was the second extended absence from home. The first—a happier experience—came after receiving her R.N. from Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck. She lived in Washington, D. C. for two years, studying at Catholic University for her bachelor's degree.

### HOME FOR GOOD

In June of 1963, Marie left the hospital for good. Twice weekly, she was visited by a physical therapist to supervise her exercises and evaluate her progress.

"I couldn't stand just staying at home, so I returned to Holy Name Hospital on a limited part time basis in October. Now I'm able to work almost a full schedule, giving clinical and classroom instruction to student nurses.

"I have to guard against excessive fatigue, but I'm becom-



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ing progressively more active. There's one more thing I want to be able to do so I'll know I have completely recovered—run up the front steps.”

Ruth Zerner had been in the hospital for six months when Marie arrived. She remained for another four after Marie left. She began to feel like a graduate student, ultimately spending the equivalent of a full academic year in the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Unit.

## A LONGING FOR SOLITUDE

As she progressed, however, Ruth longed for the quiet solitude essential to serious study. She had developed this habit in pursuit of her A. B. at Hunter, a master's degree in history at Stanford University, followed by a year as a Fulbright scholar at the Free University of West Berlin and the doctoral program at the University of California, where she received her Ph.D. in 1962.

“During the early weeks in rehabilitation the student nurses used to come and read to me when they had time off.

“The hospital staff decided there should be a mechanical page turner for patients like me who couldn't hold a book. During the time that it took for it to arrive, I had progressed to a point where I could handle a paperback and didn't need it. But other patients have been able to use it,” Ruth recalled.

“Everyone on the eighth floor seemed so attuned to each patient's needs without being overly solicitous. They were thoughtful enough to let me use the library and a psychology conference room. And when I wasn't allowed to write, they let me use a dictaphone to dictate letters, which one of the secretaries transcribed for me during her free time.”

## TIME FOR A VACATION

Ruth utilized much of her time preparing lectures for the Spring semester she hoped to teach at Hunter. In addition, she periodically gave illustrated talks on California to the patients and staff on the eighth floor.

In July, her ninth month in the hospital, the doctors suggested that she go away for a vacation.

“I was startled and delighted.”

She spent the last week of July and the first week of August at Liberty Corner a resort in New Jersey run by Lutheran Deaconesses. After her return, time seemed to pass more rapidly, and by October she was able, with crutches, to leave the hospital and go home, where she had to continue a well balanced program of exercise and rest.

In February, the happy day of returning to the classroom arrived. Still using crutches, Ruth announced to her students that they wouldn't be subjected to a teacher who paces back and forth in front of the class.

## TEACHER ON A BAR STOOL

“I think I am the only college instructor who teaches from a bar stool!” she added.

She purchased the stool because its height would be better for lecturing while seated.

Ruth's widowed mother Mrs. Louise Zerner, was a willing assistant when Ruth resumed her teaching. Mrs. Zerner cared for her daughter's apartment and transported her books, notes and lunch to college, a task which Ruth was still unable to perform.

Early this year, Ruth was managing very well without crutches. She recently had to return to them temporarily because of a minor ankle fracture which resulted from a fall.

“This isn't impeding my continued progress and I hope to be rid of them for good very soon,” she remarked.

## LESSONS THEY'VE LEARNED

Ruth Zerner and Marie Farinella expressed parallel thoughts concerning their illness. They believe it made them more perceptive of the feelings and motivations of others. They believe it made them better teachers. And they both feel they understand the importance of being as natural as possible in dealing with persons who are handicapped.

Even more striking, perhaps, is a new and mutual ambition: Marie plans to study for a master's degree and specialize in rehabilitation nursing, while Ruth has already applied for volunteer work in the Medical Center's Rehabilitation unit.



## NOEL LIGHTS GO ON DEC. 17

It will begin to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go around the Medical Center once the thousands of colorful, cheerful lights on our outdoor trees are turned on for the first time. The

magic moment will occur at sundown Thursday, Dec. 17.

The four towering exterior trees will sparkle and shine with illumination each night from 4:30 to midnight throughout the holiday season.

The gayly adorned evergreens will be set up in the Chapel garden, atop the gatehouse in front of Vanderbilt Clinic and near the main entrances of Presbyterian Hospital and Maxwell Hall.

Artificial trees, holly wreaths, and other traditional trimmings of the Yuletide will be distributed to various areas within the Medical Center on Dec. 21.

These decorations will include some 225 trees, 900 wreaths, 500 red and white candy canes, 12,000 decorations, and numerous poinsettia plants, according to Elizabeth R. Callahan, chairman of the Christmas Committee.

## FIRE PROOFED TREES

In keeping with strict Fire Department regulations, all Christmas trees and other decorations will be carefully flameproofed.

Members of the Housekeeping Department will handle the distribution and collection of all seasonal decorations.

## Beautiful “Murals” for Christmas

Windows of the Medical Center will become temporary easels this month as participants in the annual Christmas Window Decorating contest transform them into beautiful seasonal “murals”.

Christmas artists may obtain paints and brushes any weekday before 11 a.m. from the Occupational Therapy Department, BH5-532. Entry blanks are available at Nursing Stations beginning Dec. 7. They must be completed and returned to the Public Interest Office, PH4-32, no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18.

Paintings should not be started prior to Dec. 10.

Preliminary judging of entries will take place on Dec. 21



Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr.

and final judging a day later. Prizes will be awarded to winners on Dec. 23, according to Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., contest committee chairman.

The poster publicizing this

year's contest was designed by Harriet Phillips, medical artist and member of the committee.

Other committee members include Sgt. Edwin H. Behlmer, Protective; Dr. Henry S. F. Cooper; Dr. Bard Cosman, Plastic Surgery; Dorothy Delamater, IOPH; Agnes Dilworth, Social Service; Mrs. Rosemarie Glennon, V. C. Admitting; Martha Haber, N. I. Nursing; Helen Henry, Nursing; Mrs. Patricia A. McLean, DOS; Dr. Meyer M. Melicow; Mrs. Harriet Ryan, Mary Harkness Unit; Mary Ryan, Nursing Aide; Mrs. Pamela Seaman, Personnel; Dr. Jerome P. Webster, and Dr. Carl R. Wise.



## BORN TO BE A DOCTOR

Talking with Dr. Stanley E. Rosenberg, chief resident in Urology, you might get the idea that he was predestined to become a physician.

"I think I decided to be a doctor about 10 years before I was born," he said, offering an unexpected answer to the expected question.

An explanation followed quickly: "My dad wanted to be a doctor, but he had to drop out of medical school at the end of the first year when his father . . . my grandfather . . . developed a lung ailment.

"Probably my father made up his mind then that his son would be the doctor in the family. Anyway, he always encouraged me in that direction."

To be very truthful about it, Dr. Rosenberg didn't require much prodding toward seeking a career in medicine. After preparing himself for college at the academically-demanding Bronx High School of Science, he went on to Dartmouth and enrolled in the school's five-year program for students planning to study medicine.

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa during his junior year at Dartmouth, was graduated magna cum laude with an A.B. from the college in 1954 and received a two-year medical diploma from Dartmouth Medical School in 1955. He then transferred to Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons and received his M.D. in 1957, just after his 24th birthday.

The next two years of Dr. Rosenberg's medical training took place at Bellevue Hospital. During 1957-58 he interned on the Second (Cornell) Medical Division, then spent a year as assistant resident with the First (Columbia) Surgical Division.

Then Uncle Sam beckoned. As Captain Rosenberg, U.S. Air Force Reserve, he was

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

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a Symposium on Strokes organized by New Jersey Academy of Medicine, and moderated a panel discussion on "Treatment of Intracranial Aneurysm" at the meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Chicago.

DR. KARLIS ADAMSON, JR., Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, participated in the International Conference on Fetal Surgery in Stowe, Vt., and was Session Chairman of the Conference on Chemistry and Metabolism of L and D Lactic Acids at the New York Academy of Sciences.

DR. MICHAEL HEIDELBERGER, Emeritus Professor, Immunochemistry, has been appointed adjunct Professor in the Department of Pathology, Medical School of New York University.

called to active duty with the Medical Corps.

"I hinted that I thought it would be nice if I were assigned to Europe or the West Coast. The Air Force, in the inscrutable manner of military organizations, sent me to Georgia," said Dr. Rosenberg.

There he spent two years as chief of surgical services at the 2795th USAF Hospital, Robins Air Force Base, correcting hernias, removing tonsils and appendices.

A civilian again in June, 1961, he did six months of research here in renal (kidney) tuberculosis as a research fellow of the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association.

### PROFESSORIAL INFLUENCE

In January, 1962, he began his residency program at the Squier Urological Clinic.

Why did he choose the specialty of urology?

"It was Dr. Lattimer's influence," he said. "He delivered the lectures in urology to the fourth year med students while I was at P&S. I was very impressed by what he had to say." (Dr. John Lattimer is chairman of the Department of Urology and director of the Urology Service).

He was chief resident in Urology at Babies Hospital for six months before becoming chief of the adult service in June of this year.

Life is busy for the chief resident in Urology. Under the supervision of attending urologists, he performs most

## Memorial Gift

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of supporting endeavors vital to human welfare."

The new gift raises to \$4,000,000 the total contribution by The Commonwealth Fund to the Medical Center's \$50,000,000 development program, which was initiated in 1960. Previous gifts were \$2,500,000 for endowment for clinical faculty salaries and \$500,000 toward the construction of the Augustus Long Medical Library.

Since the Medical Center began its campaign in 1960 to raise \$50,000,000 for new construction, renovation, and endowment, a total of \$43,500,000 has been raised.



IS THAT WHERE IT HURTS?

Dr. Stanley Rosenberg gently examines a little patient in Urology

of the major surgery on the urology ward (about eight cases a week, including three or four transurethral resections of the prostate), manages the ward adult service in Squier, trains other residents in the management and surgical correction of urological disorders, lectures fourth-year medical students on the Urology Service twice a month, and handles administrative details.

These details, many of them quite time-consuming, include scheduling admissions and operations on the adult ward service and drawing up schedules for the other residents in Urology.

### ALWAYS ON CALL

Even off duty, he is always on call for emergency cases.

Dr. Rosenberg has won a number of awards and prizes for medical essays, exhibits and presentations. The honor he values most is one he earned in national competition: a second prize at the 1963 meeting of the American Urological Association for an exhibit entitled "Has Chemotherapy Reduced the Incidence of Genitourinary Tuberculosis?"

He also has written papers on genitourinary tuberculosis, cancer of the prostate, and the effects of estrogens in atherosclerosis.

## DR. A. C. LADD

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He was promoted to assistant professor in 1962.

That year he published a comprehensive report on the employment experiences of persons who had suffered strokes, in which he concluded that stroke victims who returned to the job had about the same life and work expectancy as persons of the same age who had not suffered strokes.

Dr. Ladd, a bachelor, is survived by a sister in Kansas.

Home for Dr. Rosenberg is a small ranch-style house in New Milford, N. J., which he shares with his wife, the former Irene Kaplan of Newark; son Jimmy, 4½; daughter Drew Ann, 3, and dog, Muffin, a mutt of no recognizable breed who is the same age as Jimmy.

Theirs is a two-key (Phi Beta Kappa, that is) home. Mrs. Rosenberg, daughter of a rabbi, earned hers at Douglass College. She is a former high school teacher who now works, part time, as a bedside tutor in the New Milford public school system. Her interests also include acting and she has had four starring roles in three years with the Bergen County Players.

When Dr. Rosenberg completes his residency here December 31, he plans to begin the private practice of urology in Princeton, N. J.



### ANTICIPATE MID-JANUARY COMPLETION OF NEW GARAGE

Mid-January is the anticipated completion date of the new 3-level, 250 car expansion of parking facilities at South Property on the corner of Fort Washington Avenue and 165th Street, bringing the capacity of this area to 760 cars.

## DR. G. V. BROWNE

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Robert V. and William V., and two brothers. Dr. Browne was uncle to Miss Lillian C. Brown, R.N., unit manager of Presbyterian Hospital, and brother-in-law to Miss Anne Healy, the Hospital's chief dietitian.

## Dentists Edit New Journal

Two Medical Center dentists have been appointed to the top editorial posts on a new bimonthly magazine, the Journal of Oral Therapeutics and Pharmacology.

They are Dr. Austin H. Kutscher, editor, and Dr. Edward V. Zegarelli, chairman of the editorial board.

At the Medical Center, Dr. Kutscher is assistant professor of Stomatology, School of Dental and Oral Surgery, and assistant attending dental surgeon, Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Zegarelli is professor of Stomatology and attending dental surgeon.

The new periodical is specifically devoted to the publication of original manuscripts dealing with the pharmacology and therapeutic action of drugs which may be applicable to the treatment and study of diseases of the mouth and jaw.

It will also feature review articles, abstracts, and title reviews of the current literature on drug therapy and pharmacology. The publisher is Williams and Wilkins Company.

Serving on the editorial board are the following additional members of the Medical Center staff; Drs. Shu Feng Chien, Physiology; Paul Gross and Meyer H. Slatkin, Dermatology; Henry O. Heinemann and George A. Hyman, Medicine; Lester C. Mark, Anesthesiology, and Robin M. Rankow, Anatomy.

A number of other members of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery faculty are on the editorial board, as well as faculty members from 15 other dental schools and four other medical schools.

### NEW RATES ANNOUNCED

As was announced in the November issue of Stethoscope, there will be an increase in parking fees at all lots when the new facility is opened. The new monthly permit rate will be \$9.00 while the daily rate will be \$1.00 minimum for the first 3 hours and 25¢ for each additional hour to a maximum of \$3.25 a day.



# Who Invented The Wireless? He Says It Wasn't Marconi

Should you ever be asked on a quiz show to name the inventor of the wireless telegraph, do not, if you need the money, give credit to Dr. Mahlon Loomis.

You would be right if you did; but the mention of Dr. Loomis' name would only cause the quizmaster to blink in dismay. The answer on his card would read Guglielmo Marconi. He (and whatever encyclopedia his researchers quoted) would be wrong, but you probably couldn't prove it.

Not until now, that is.

Because of interest stirred up by an article written three years ago by Dr. Curt Proskauer, the Medical Center's dental historian, it appears that the unheralded Dr. Loomis, an 18th Century American dentist and inventor, may finally receive recognition for his pioneering work in wireless communication.

He will if Dr. Proskauer, the American Dental Association, a number of leading radio engineers, and a Congressman from Virginia have anything to say about it.

Dr. Proskauer, curator of the Charles H. Land Museum at Columbia's School of Dental and Oral Surgery, took up his pen in behalf of Mahlon Loomis after extensive research convinced him that Loomis, and not Marconi, was the inventor of wireless telegraphy.

## 31 YEARS BEFORE MARCONI

Writing in the February 1961 issue of TIC (published by Ticonium Laboratory), Dr. Proskauer reported that Loomis gave a public demonstration of wireless telegraphy in 1866, broadcasting messages between two peaks 18 miles apart in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.



A CHAMPION FOR LOOMIS

Dr. Curt Proskauer

This was 31 years before the Italian Marconi, in June 1897, sent his first successful wireless signals over a distance of nine miles. Although he was a Guglielmo-comelately, Marconi, unlike the hapless Loomis, was able to obtain the capital necessary to commercially exploit the wireless. Thus he became famous—and rich.

Poor Loomis. After he received a patent on the wireless in 1872, Congress passed a bill creating the Loomis Aerial Telegraph Company; but legislators steadfastly refused to appropriate \$50,000 required to put the company in operation.

Dr. Proskauer summed up Loomis' fate precisely in his article: "Possessed by a big idea, absolutely convinced of its value for the world, surrounded by money and men who were investing large sums in many less worthy enterprises, Loomis was yet not able to command a dollar to perfect his invention and put it to work. Instead it was dismissed as an 'airy nothing' and he was dubbed a 'dreamer' and made the butt of ridicule, the target of merciless witticisms."

Loomis died in 1884, if not unwept, then certainly unhonored and unsung.

To date there exists in the world just one tribute to the man and his work, a simple highway marker near Bluemont, Va., in the Blue Ridge Mountains. In a terse 62 words, the signpost states that from a nearby mountaintop, Loomis "sent the first aerial wireless signals."

Perhaps the future will be kinder to the memory of Dr. Loomis. Some indications to the fact that this may be so.

- The first president of the Institute of Radio Engineers, Robert Marriott, has stated publicly: "The arrangement for wireless broadcasting as described by Lomis has worked for me many times."

- At the Nov. 9-12 meeting of the American Dental Association in San Francisco, an exhibit called attention to the case for Loomis. Some 5,000 copies of Dr. Proskauer's article on Loomis were distributed. (Said the past president of the ADA: "I hope the ADA and the radio people throughout the country will take up the fight to secure recognition for this member of our profession and for the United States.")

- A resolution in Loomis' behalf has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by the Honorable H. W. Smith of Virginia. After whereas follows whereas for many paragraphs, the statement reads: "Be it resolved by the House . . . (the Senate concurring), that the Congress hereby recognizes, on behalf of the American people, the foresight, ingenuity, and outstanding achievement of . . . Loomis in being the first person to invent and demonstrate a system of wireless communication."

So it may be that, due largely to Dr. Proskauer's research and writing, posthumous credit will go to Dr. Loomis.

Profile: Dr. Alexander N. Levay, Psychiatry

## IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



"THE MIND . . . IS BOUND TO REACT TO PHYSICAL ILLNESS"

In his office, Dr. Levay encourages a patient to discuss her anxieties

His father's example influenced Dr. Alexander Nicholas Levay to seek a career in medicine. His own observations, gained from actual work with patients, prompted him into the field of psychiatry.

Currently completing a six-month stint as chief resident in psychiatry here, Dr. Levay (pronounced le-VAY) said he noted, during his earlier years as intern and assistant resident in medicine, that many patients "exhibited certain emotional problems which seemed to play an important role in their particular ailments."

Because he wanted "to learn more about the evaluation and management of such psychosomatic factors," Dr. Levay made up his mind to become a psychiatrist.

He took his first major step toward this goal in July 1962 when he began his residency program in psychiatry here.

Dr. Levay, tall (6-2), lean (175 lbs.), and sandy-haired, was born 32 years ago in Nyiregyhaza, Hungary, the son of a physician. When Russian troops invaded their country in 1945, the Levays fled to Bavaria. There the entire family worked on a farm to earn a living.

Some time thereafter, young Alexander was fortunate enough to be accepted as a student at the well-known Benedictine Humanistic Gymnasium, located in Metten, Bavaria. He was graduated in 1951 and the Levay family then emigrated to the United States.

So highly regarded was the education Alexander Levay received at the Gymnasium (the German equivalent of our high school) that he was allowed two years of college credit when he began his studies in December 1951 at Wesleyan University (Middletown, Conn.) under a special displaced person scholarship.

He carried an average of 20 credits a semester, worked at part time jobs to help pay college expenses, and was graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1953

with an A.B. in Chemistry (pre-med).

From Wesleyan he went on to the University of Rochester Medical School, where he earned his M.D. in 1957. Then followed a year's internship at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N. Y., and two years as assistant resident in medicine at University Hospitals, Cleveland.

Dr. Levay remembers Cleveland with considerable affection. It was there he met his wife, Matilde Escudero of Lima, Peru, who was attending Western Reserve University. The wedding was in June, 1959.

### A CALL FROM UNCLE SAM

When Dr. Levay completed his medical residency in 1960, the U.S. Air Force expressed a need for his services. For the next two years, he was Captain Levay, USAF Medical Corps, assigned as base internist at Otis Air Force Base, Cape Cod, Mass.

At Otis, he even tried his hand at the practice of obstetrics. While the base obstetrician was delivering Alexander Nicholas Levay, Jr. (Nov. 15, 1961), Dr. Levay kept himself occupied by attending another woman as she delivered a baby, her 13th. (The Levays have

since had a second son, Edward Thomas, born here, April 25, 1964.)

A civilian again in mid-1962, Dr. Levay came directly to the Medical Center to begin his residency in psychiatry. This month he completes his half-year tour of duty as chief resident.

His responsibilities in this position are many and varied.

ADMINISTRATION: he prepares schedules and arranges conferences for other residents on the Psychiatric Service and acts as administrator for the private psychiatric unit on the 12th floor of Neurological Institute.

TEACHING: he is a full-time instructor in psychiatry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons; he instructs first-year neurology residents assigned to the Psychiatric Service; holds a weekly conference with the nursing staff on the Psychiatric Service, discussing patients of special interest; instructs a class in psychosomatic medicine for 2nd year physical and occupational therapy students; serves as psychiatric preceptor to 3rd year medical students on the Medical Service, and conducts a weekly conference for 4th year medical students in the Group Medical Clinic of Vanderbilt Clinic.

PATIENT CARE: his official function in this area is to continue to treat patients he became familiar with in his previous work as a resident here, and to handle cases of the Director of the Psychiatric Service, in the Director's absence.

### A MAJOR CHALLENGE

Discussing psychiatry and the role it plays in the modern non-psychiatric hospital, Dr. Levay said there is a tendency today for psychiatrists to work in general hospitals with non-psychiatric patients.

"This results from the realization that physical illness often has major psychological accompaniments which may have to be dealt with for optimal management," he continued.

"The mind, as an integral part of the body, is bound to react to physical illness. Similarly, any disturbances in the mind may have an impact on the rest of the organism."

"Understanding this interrelationship between mind and body, both on a psychological and biological level, is one of the major challenges of modern psychiatry."

Dr. Levay is particularly interested in psychosomatic medicine. He hopes to work in this specialty here at the Medical Center after he completes his residency at the end of June, 1965.



## SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, PAST AND PRESENT

### Presbyterian Hospital: A Veritable Heaven on Earth For Little Ones at Christmas

The headline above is more than 60 years old. It appeared Jan. 2, 1902 in the Wisconsin State Journal over a word sketch describing one Dr. J. A. Jackson's impression of Christmas, 1901, at the Presbyterian Hospital. The article is being reprinted in 1964 because the doctor's words represent so graphically a spirit that is unchanging from Christmas to Christmas in hospital units of the Medical Center.

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#### PRESENTS ON TREES

"It may sound queer, but nevertheless it is true, that I have spent a delightful Christmas within these, to me, sacred precincts (of Presbyterian Hospital).

"Each ward was handsomely decorated with bunches of holly and graceful festoons of evergreen, relieved here and there with a cluster of red bows.

"The home-like cheerfulness was heightened in every ward by a Christmas tree covered with presents and richly ornamented with the usual silver

and gilded chainlets, spangles and the like.

"But the children's ward was the sight of a life-time. To many of these poor little sick and maimed tots it was in truth a 'Merry Christmas,' the memories of which will abide with them during their whole life.

"To see a poor boy's or a girl's wan face lighted up with a smile as they realized that these drums, cars, whistles, dolls, books, candies and the like actually 'were theirs to keep' was better than an opera.

"To crown it all some eighteen or twenty sweet-looking choir boys from St. James Episcopal Church marched with their teacher all through the wards, halls and corridors, singing Christmas carols, including that gem of inspiration, 'Lead Thou Me On!'"

#### COULDN'T BE SWEETER

"... I purposefully asked a few of the patients how they liked it. One woman said, 'I don't see how it could be sweeter in heaven.' Another, 'It seems as if they had brought down heaven into the wards!'"

## CHRISTMAS TODAY

The scene is the annual Orthopedic Children's Christmas Pageant, held in Babies Hospital of the Medical Center.

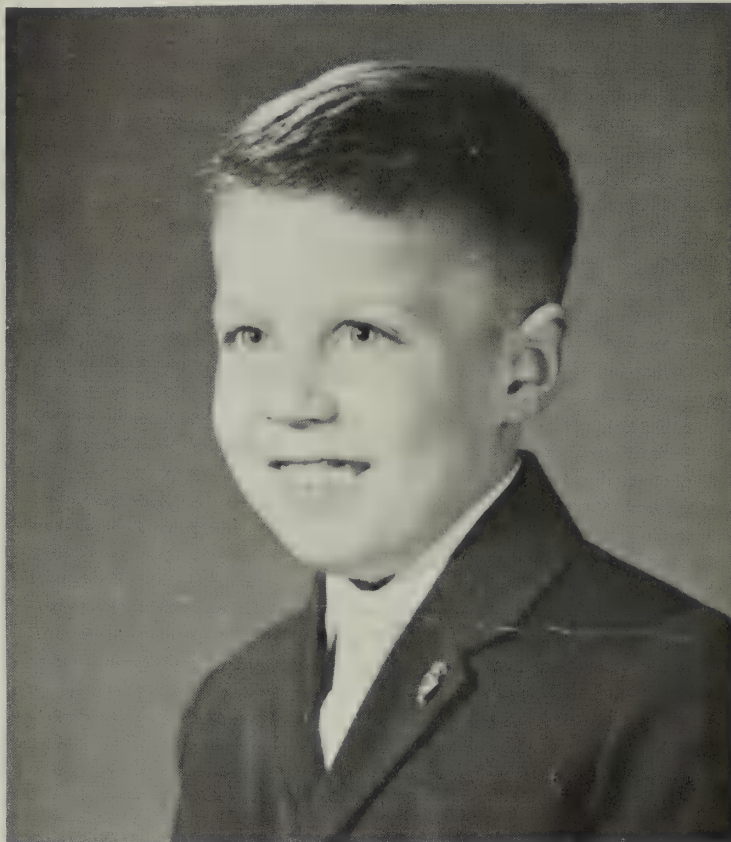


## Now Tommy Romps With Trotter ... To His Heart's Content

A beagle named Trotter was the happiest, tail-waggingest dog in New Jersey recently when 11 year old Tommy Gawlik walked through the door at 33 Tuscarora St., Bergenfield.

The dog had been upset since his young master left home to enter the Columbia-Presbyterian Center, New York City. Tommy, born with a cardiac defect which severely restricted his activity and threatened his life, was facing corrective open heart surgery.

In a four hour operation, Medical Center surgeons opened Tommy's chest and repaired the faulty mitral valve in his heart. An artificial valve was available, but such a replacement proved to be unnecessary, doctors said.



TOMMY GAWLIK

After 11 years of life (and a four-hour operation), a chance to run and frolic like the other kids.

Within a week the Bergenfield youngster was telling everyone: "I feel wonderful." But he also was getting homesick. He missed his mother and dad, John and Muriel Gawlik, and his 2 year old beagle, Trotter.

The dog was Tommy's favorite present on his 9th birthday.

Tommy, an only child, said that the beagle "is just like a brother. He misses me, too."

According to the boy's mother, Trotter spent most of the time in Tommy's empty room, sniffing his toys and whining.

"But when I get home," promised Tommy, "I'm going to play with Trotter more than ever. I'll be able to run with him too."

Being able to run is very important to Tommy, because it's an activity that had been denied him. "If I just ran up our front walk, I'd be all out of breath," he said. "I couldn't do anything like the other kids, because I always got tired."

"When I was in the first grade (at St. John the Evangelist Parochial School)

I couldn't even walk up and down the stairs by myself. I had to be carried."

Now a 6th-grader at St. John's, where his teachers describe him as "a bright pupil," Tommy was able to keep up on his studies during his hospital stay by attending the Medical Center's own classroom, Public School 401-X.

And although he had to be away from St. John's for so long, he wasn't forgotten by his 50 classmates. Each of them made and sent him a get well card and they raised money for a gift, a model of the X-15 experimental rocket plane.

"Boy, will those kids be surprised when they see I can run and do all those other things," Tommy exclaimed.

He also has another surprise for his classmates. He's been growing. Because of his heart affliction, Tommy was very small for his age; just 53 pounds and 51 inches tall when he entered the hospital.

"I used to be the smallest one in my class, even smaller than the girls," he admitted.

"But I already grew 2 inches and 3 pounds since the operation. I think I'm taller than one of the girls."

"And, boy, can I eat now!" he went on. "I don't know how Trotter is going to like that. I mean, before I used to eat only half the food on my plate and Trotter would get the rest. Now I eat two plates full. I'm going to be eating Trotter's food, too."

Tommy's parents knew something was wrong with their son's heart from the time he was 2 months old. He was in and out of hospitals in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York until his recent admission to the Medical Center for surgery.

"Early this year doctors cautioned us that Tommy's condition was worsening," Mrs. Gawlik said. "His liver and heart were both very much enlarged and he was in heart failure. We knew something had to be done."

Tommy confessed that he was "scared" on the eve of his operation. However words of encouragement from his doctors and nurses made him feel "much better."

#### CAMPING PLANS INCLUDE TROTTER, OF COURSE

He also realized that many people outside of the hospital, in addition to his relatives, were interested in his case.

Tommy's dad is a police officer with the Port of New York Authority, assigned to duty at the George Washington Bridge. Many of his fellow officers as well as some of the women who work in the toll booths cared enough about Tommy to donate the large quantity of A-Positive blood required for his surgery.

It was their blood that flowed through the boy's veins during the critical half-hour of the operation while a machine performed the vital functions normally carried on by his heart and lungs.

Thanks to the surgery, doctors indicated, Tommy should soon be able to lead a normal life, doing all the vigorous, exciting things boys delight in.

Among the activities that Tommy gives top priority are deepsea fishing and camping.

"My dad already told me he's going to take me fishing as soon as I feel up to it," Tommy said. "And I hope I can go camping in the spring. You know, Christmas is coming. What I'd like most is some camping equipment ... maybe a two-man tent."

And where does Trotter the beagle fit in these plans?

"Oh, he'll be there," Tommy grinned. "Camping wouldn't be so much fun without Trotter around."





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## BABIES HOSPITAL TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

### August Belmont To Chair Babies Fund Committee

August Belmont, President of Dillon, Read & Co., Investment Bankers, and a Trustee of Presbyterian Hospital since 1960, has been named chairman of the Babies Hospital Campaign Committee in the \$50,000,000 Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Program.

Babies Hospital is seeking \$5,000,000 for expansion and renovation. Mr. Belmont announced that \$1,500,000 has already been raised in the Development Campaign and designated for the Babies Hospital project. He said the official opening of the Babies Campaign will be Jan. 13, 1965, when dedication ceremonies will be held for the McAlister Suite of new operating rooms, recovery room and intensive

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At Left Is The Proposed Addition to Babies Hospital  
At The Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center

### McAlister Suite Dedication Opens \$5,000,000 Drive

Dedication ceremonies of the McAlister Suite, new operating rooms, recovery room and intensive care unit on the 9th floor of Babies Hospital, will take place at 5 p.m. Jan. 13, to mark the official opening of the Babies Hospital Campaign in the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Program.

Mr. Logan Fulrath, executor of the Amelie McAlister Upshur estate, will be the guest of honor. The McAlister Suite is the first project in the Babies Hospital \$5,000,000 renovation and expansion program. This modern suite was given in memory of William H. McAlister, and his daughter, Amelie McAlister Upshur, by the executors of her estate, Mr. Fulrath and the Morgan

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### Former First Lady Lends Her Support To Nursing Benefit

Former First Lady Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower has agreed to serve as honorary chairman of the 1965 bridge party and raffle for the benefit of our Student Nurses' Scholarship Fund.

The function, an annual highlight of the Medical Center social calendar, will be held April 28 in Maxwell Hall. A first mailing of raffle tickets and a plan for sponsorship will go out early this month, it has been announced.

During the past several years, proceeds from the raffle and card party have provided scholarship aid to an annual average of at least 20 student nurses.

Committee members already named include Mrs. Edward B. Self, general chairman; Mrs. Frank E. Stinchfield, sponsor chairman; Mrs. Edwin Cox, printing chairman; Mrs. Rob-



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MAMIE EISENHOWER

ert Weeks, Jr., prize chairman; Miss D. Katherine Klinck and Miss Virginia Maeyer, student chairman, and Mrs. Ronald J. Pimpinella, publicity chairman.

Previous honorary chairmen for the benefit event have included actress Helen Hayes and television and stage personality Kitty Carlisle.

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### Levy Fund Underwrites Expansion Of Child Psychiatry Program Here

A commitment from the Adele R. Levy Fund, Inc. to underwrite the cost up to \$230,000 for the expansion of our child psychiatry training program, has been announced by Dr. H. Houston Merritt.

#### WHAT GRANT ASSURES

The three-year arrangement will make possible an expanded training program at the Children's Psychiatric Service at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Key teaching personnel will be increased by one-half; the annual budget for resident training will be doubled.

Psychiatric services at the Medical Center were among the first in the nation to provide a special unit for exclusive inpatient treatment of mentally ill children, as well as specialized training for pediatricians in mental health. More than 600 children are referred each

year to the children's psychiatric services of the Center.

#### STAFF WILL INCREASE

Under the current program, eight resident doctors are being trained in child psychiatry in the 1964-65 academic year. The pledge by the Adele R. Levy Fund, Inc., will help increase that number to a projected 12 in 1968-69. The entire training program staff—teaching psychiatrists, a case worker and assistants—is expected to increase from 14 to 21 during that period.

#### THE NEED IS ACUTE

Dr. Merritt, in his acknowledgment, pointed out that the arrangements with the Adele R. Levy Fund, Inc., make it possible to provide increased training facilities in a field where there is an acute scarcity of as well as increasing requirement for highly trained specialists.



THELMA KING

### She'll Be on TV's Open End Jan. 10

Mrs. Annie Thelma King, a nursing aide on the 4th floor of Babies Hospital, will appear with David Susskind on an Open End program featuring wives of U. S. servicemen on duty in Viet Nam.

The show, taped in Novem-

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## STETHOSCOPIA

It seemed Santa had everyone's tongue this busy season—at least everyone was very stingy with Stethoscopia items. May it be a happy news year!

### ■ SANTA BUNDLES

The Christmas card girl on the hospital's 1963 greeting, Mrs. Donna Geiser Knauth, this year presented her husband with a Christmas greeting, a handsome son, born in Harkness on December 7.

Ann Babcock, Communications Center, recently welcomed a baby girl, Deborah.

### ■ AND NEWLYWEDS

Mildred May Wurth, R.N., in Harkness, was married to Mr. Richard Charles Tice on December 19 in Wilmington, Del. The couple will live in Upper Darby, Pa.

Susanna Bridy, R.N. on Neuro 7, is now Mrs. Jonathan Winters.

### ■ HAIL AND FAREWELL

Operator Walter Freeman is a new member in the Communications Center. Frank Viner has left to enter the field of art.

### ■ TRAVELLERS

Mrs. Lillian Tames, Volunteer Office, has returned from a visit to her daughter and grandchildren in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Mrs. Sylvia Leman, Volunteer Office, and Mr. Leman are travelling through New England on vacation. They will spend Christmas at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Mass.

### ■ OPEN HEART SURGERY CLUB

Dave MacDonnell, chief elevator starter, and wife Anita, in Accounting, had an especially happy Christmas this year. Their 5 year old son, Gary, fully recovered from Open Heart Surgery, came home from the hospital in time for the holidays. By next Spring he probably will be pitching ball with the best of them.

Gary is now eligible to join the Medical Center Open Heart Club for 1964. Those among the Medical Center family who have benefitted from this surgery during the year include: Edna Contrucci in pharmacy; Jimmy Diamond, husband of Mrs. Dorothy Diamond, Public Interest; Mrs. Yetta Shabman, mother of Mrs. Rosalind Simoni in Vanderbilt Clinic, and Ernest Kanzler, husband of Maureen Kanzler, Clinical Psychology.

## ON THE SHELF

### New Books in Milbank Library

**Markings** by Dag Hammarsjöld. A remarkable record of the spiritual life of a man whose public image was universally known and admired.

**Brendan Behan's New York** by Brendan Behan. The author traces an erratic path about the city describing people and places in his own inimitable fashion.

**A Ship Called Hope** by William Walsh. How the doctors and nurses of the hospital ship "Hope" bring medical care and education to those in need in many areas of the world.

## In Memoriam

### Memorial Service For Dr. Corscaden Set for January 15

Dr. James A. Corscaden, who had the longest continuous service of any doctor in the history of The Presbyterian Hospital, died here December 11 of a heart attack. He was 83 years old.

A 1906 graduate of Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, he interned in surgery at Presbyterian in 1907 and had been associated with the hospital ever since.

He was a consultant in obstetrics and gynecology at the hospital and a former professor of clinical gynecology at P&S.

After serving as a resident in surgical pathology and as assistant surgeon, Dr. Corscaden in 1920 became the first doctor at Presbyterian to make gynecology his field of major interest. The following year he began his long affiliation with the Sloane Hospital for Women.



DR. J. A. CORSCADEN

Throughout his career he concentrated in the area of gynecologic cancer. He wrote extensively in professional journals on that subject and authored the book, "Gynecologic Cancer," published in 1951.

He established Presbyterian Hospital's Department of Radiotherapy in 1913, and was recognized as a pioneer in the application of radiotherapy to certain gynecologic problems. He also organized and for a number of years conducted the Medical Center's tumor clinic.

Born in Providence, R. I. on June 26, 1881, Dr. Corscaden was educated at Wilbraham Academy, Wesleyan University where he was a member of Psi Upsilon, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

He opened his practice in New York in 1910, served on the faculty of P&S since 1938, was a former consultant in

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## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

DR. GRAHAM CLARK, Attending Ophthalmologist, will be a discussor at the February 15 meeting of The Section on Ophthalmology of the New York Academy with the Clinical Society of the New York Diabetes Association. The subject is Diabetic Retinopathy-Pathogenesis and Current Therapeutic Approaches.

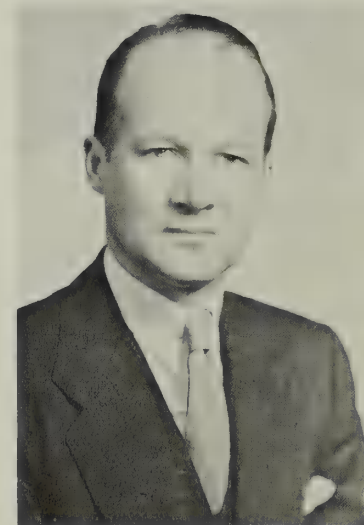
DR. JOHN K. LATTIMER, Director of the Urological Service, has received the first Training Grant under the new Office for Urology in the National Institutes of Health. His is one of the largest urological teaching complexes, some eight hospitals under the aegis of Columbia, totalling between 400 and 500 beds, with basic research units collaborating with various departments in P&S.

DR. CARL T. NELSON, Director of Dermatology, has been elected president of the American Academy of Dermatology at the December meeting in Chicago. Dr. Nelson has been on the Board of Directors of the Academy since 1962.

DR. RAFFAELE LATTES, Director of the Laboratory of Surgical Pathology, conducted the Fourteenth Annual Slide Seminar of the New Jersey Society of Pathologists recently in Newark. The presentation was "Lesions of the G.I. Tract." Dr. Lattes also conducted a Postgraduate Course for the pathologists in the Greater Miami (Fla.) area last month.

DR. GEORGE H. HUMPHREYS, II, Director of Surgery, presented a paper on "Esophageal Hiatal Hernias in Children" with DR. PHILIP D. WIEDEL, Assistant Attending Surgeon, at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Surgical Section. Dr. Humphreys was also moderator for a meeting on Esophageal Problems.

DR. THOMAS V. SANTULLI, Attending Surgeon, presented a paper on "The Problem of Intestinal Obstruction in the Newborn" at one of the General Sessions during the meeting, presided over one of the Surgical Section meetings and was moderator for a meeting



DR. PHILIP D. WIEDEL



DR. GRAHAM CLARK

on "Unusual Lesions of the Gastrointestinal Tract."

DR. ARTHUR B. VOORHEES, JR., Assistant Attending Surgeon, presented a paper on "Portal Hypertension in Children and a Report of 98 Cases" with DR. SANTULLI and RUTH HARRIS, Assistant Attending Pediatrician.

DR. ANTHONY SHAW, former Surgical Resident, presented a paper on "Perforations of the Stomach in the Newborn Infant; An Experimental Study," with DR. SANTULLI, WILLIAM A. BLANC, Attending Pathologist, and GERARD KAISER, Surgical Resident.

DR. EDWARD B. SELF, Associate Attending Surgeon, was moderator on a recent TV program for the N. Y. Academy of Medicine entitled "Management of the Thyroid Nodule." Participating with him on the program on WNYC-TV were DR. SIDNEY C. WERNER, Associate Attending Physician, and NATHAN LANE, Associate Attending Pathologist.

DR. A. DAVID GUREWITSCH, Associate Attending Physician in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, attended a meeting sponsored by the AMA on the subject of periodic review of drivers' ability. Dr. Gurewitsch is Chairman of the Committee on Accident Prevention on the Highways.

DR. OTTO LOWENSTEIN, Head of Laboratory of Pupillography, presented a paper at a special meeting in his honor during a conference of all faculties of the University of Bonn. The honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred upon him by the Philosophical Faculty and a bust of Dr. Lowenstein was unveiled by Government of the Province of Rhineland in the Children's Psychiatric Hospital, which he founded there almost 40 years ago.

DR. IRA S. JONES, Assistant Attending Ophthalmologist, lectured on "Unilateral Exoph-

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# CHRISTMAS, 1964

## Sacred . . .

## Lighthearted



Miss Lilian Vahey, 3rd from left, who plans her window designs months in advance, earned her sixth blue ribbon in recent years for her Yule artistry on VC-10. Dr. C. R. Wise, left, makes the presentation.



This beautiful interpretation of the Madonna and Child, painted on window of the Nurses' Station, Metabolism Unit (PH-9), won a red ribbon for artist Joan Chamberlain.



Another second prize went to this carefree holiday scene brightening door of P&S-8, Room 425. Its creators, those lovely young ladies, call themselves Rat Surgeons, Inc.

## Our Christmas Windows Were Prettier than Ever

Prize-winning windows in the 1964 Christmas Window Decorating Contest were found in all areas of the Medical Center.

Vanderbilt Clinic's 10th floor entry won a first prize for the sixth time. The series depicting Christmas Greetings from Around the World was done by Lilian Vahey, head nurse on VC-10. The Center Ward doors on PH-12, done by Bruce Goldryer, third year medical student, won a blue ribbon, as did Room 328 in the Eye Institute, done by Luiz Diaz; Harkness Pavilion's 5th floor, Room 510, done by the Staff, and the door of Hibbs Library on PH-5, painted by Kay Simon.

A special category this year for windows done by child patients produced a winner on Babies-12, Room 1204. The window was painted by Allison Todd, aged 12, who went home before the judging, but received her prize by mail. An honorable mention in this group was won by Tommy Smith, 11, who did the ward window on Babies 9.

The second prize red ribbons were awarded to Neuro 6, Room 639, painted by Sharon Sawitzke; P&S-8, Room 425, done by Rat Surgeons, Inc. (their own designation); PH-9, Metabolism Unit Nurses Station, done by Joan Chamberlain; VC-4, Room 229 painted by Dr. Robert Creasy and student nurses, and Harkness 11 Nurses Station, done by Sandra Weaver.

At the Mary Harkness Unit first prizes were won by Dorothy Pryor, food manager, and Doris Bolksardt, Volunteer; second prizes to Stanley Muzoleski and Gladys Barrett for their outdoor decorations.

### MORE ENTRIES THAN EVER BEFORE

Honorable Mention white ribbons went to PH-12, artist Carolyn Kruglinski; Neuro 6-440 door, done by Maxine Lebo; VC 2-223, Nutrition Office, done by staff of the Food Clinic; Eye Institute 4-404 Nurses Station, painted by Theresa Nash and Nancy Farrell; PH 18-6, Anesthesia Office, done by Resident Doctors, Team A; PH-20, Reception Room Door in Blood Bank, done by the Staff; French Doors on Harkness 3, by artist Joyce Shaver; Babies 7-702 door done by Virginia Decry; Nursing Office door on PH-4 by Sue Cunningham, and Neuro 10 Operating Room kitchen painted by N. Pecnik.

This year's contest had wider participation than ever before, according to Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., Chairman of the Committee. Ninety-two entries were received for the holiday decorating contest and the judging committee had difficulty making its selections. Judges included Drs. Bard Cosman, Meyer M. Melicow, Jerome P. Webster and Carl R. Wise, Chaplain Reeves, Robert Demarest, Dorothy Delamater, Agnes Dilworth, Rosemarie Glennon, Martha Haber, Helen Henry and Mary Ryan.

## Imaginative



His skillfully executed paintings on the ward doors of the 12th floor, Center, of Presbyterian Hospital, brought a first prize to second-year medical student Bruce Goldryer.

Lovable dolls by the dozen, hostesses at the annual Dolls Tea, are inspected by Elizabeth Callahan, left, unit manager of Babies Hospital, and Mrs. Henry C. Taylor of the Babies Board of Women Managers, before being distributed to hospitalized little girls on Christmas morning.



(Photo by Grace MacMillan)

"WITH A LITTLE DRIVER, SO LIVELY AND QUICK . . ."

Four-month-old Terry, a tiny Santa urging on a pair of miniature reindeer, was the star of the Christmas party held Dec. 17 in the Premature Nursery of Babies Hospital. The little girl's mother died of a lung ailment shortly after giving birth and Terry is awaiting placement in a foster home.







A GIANT ON CRUTCHES

Under the watchful eye of his wife, Annie, Orlando Cepeda, his injured right knee repaired, strolls on crutches along a Harkness Pavilion corridor.

## Former First Lady Lends Her Support To Nursing Benefit

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Further details, including a list of raffle prizes, will be announced in subsequent issues of *Stethoscope*.

## Trading Stamps For Scholarships

Trading stamps have been cashed in for everything from a school bus to a honeymoon trip to the Caribbean. The School of Nursing is planning to add another unusual category to the list: student nurse scholarships.

Actually, the School is seeking trading stamps which will be converted to desirable gifts, which will be prizes in the raffle held traditionally in conjunction with the annual Student Nurses Scholarship Benefit Bridge Party. The card party is scheduled for April 28.

Any type of stamp is acceptable, although the preference is for Plaid, Triple S, Gold Bond or S&H Green Stamps, according to Mrs. Robert Weeks, Jr., chairman of the gift committee. (She is the mother of Mrs. Carol Wister, third year nursing student).

The stamps, from full books to odds and ends, should be brought to Mrs. Sue Cunningham at the Nursing Office, PH-4-129.



## Society Director

Peter R. Bozzo has been elected to the Board of Directors of the American Society for Hospital Purchasing Agents. A charter member of the national society, he has been employed by The Presbyterian Hospital since 1931 and has been purchasing agent here since 1947.

## Ole, Cepeda!

## Note to National League Pitchers: Orlando's Healthy Again; Duck!

The surgeon who operated on San Francisco first baseman Orlando Cepeda's balky knee here on December 7 has news that should make Giant fans cheer and rival pitchers shudder.

The Giant's 27-year-old strongman, hampered all last year by a knee injury, is recovering nicely and should be as sound as ever by the beginning of Spring training, said Dr. Harrison L. McLaughlin, attending orthopedic surgeon at Presbyterian Hospital.

When you realize that a handicapped Cepeda hit and played well enough to be elected to the 1964 All Star team, you can imagine what a healthy Cepeda means to the Giants and to National League pitchers who have to face him.

In an interview in his Harkness Pavilion room shortly after the operation, Cepeda, his right knee wrapped in bandages, revealed that the leg had been hurt during the second game of last season.

### PAIN WAS CONSTANT

He said he wasn't able to play ball for six weeks because of the injury and when he returned to action he was in almost constant pain. The bad knee kept him from putting full power into his swing . . . and he lost some hits when he wasn't able to run the base paths at top speed.

If you check the baseball records for 1964, however, it might be hard to believe what Cepeda says is true. Or it might be, if it were a lesser man than Cepeda talking.

In spite of his injury, the favorite son of Santurce, Puerto Rico was one of the leading hitters in the major leagues last year. He hit for a .304 average, cracked 31 homers, and drove in 97 runs. In the All Star game, he was one of the heroes who won the victory for the National League.

These are statistics that would make almost any major league ballplayer ecstatic. But then, Cepeda is not just any ballplayer. The son of the late Francisco Cepeda, an outfielder regarded as one of the best ballplayers ever produced in Puerto Rico, Orlando signed a Giant contract when he was 17.

### HIS DAD'S PHYSIQUE

"When I was a little boy," he said, "I always wanted to be a professional baseball player. Joe DiMaggio was my idol and I wanted to be just like him. I didn't know if I would be good enough to be a star in the big leagues, but I wanted to earn my living playing baseball."

His father, Orlando said, taught him "everything I know about baseball." From his father, a tall powerful man, he also got his impressive physique. Orlando is a Giant in more ways than one, packing more than 200 pounds of muscle on a 6-foot-2½ frame.

In 10 years of professional baseball, he has never hit under .300 in a season. Before he was brought up to the big leagues by the Giants in 1958, when he was 20, he had led his league in batting during two of

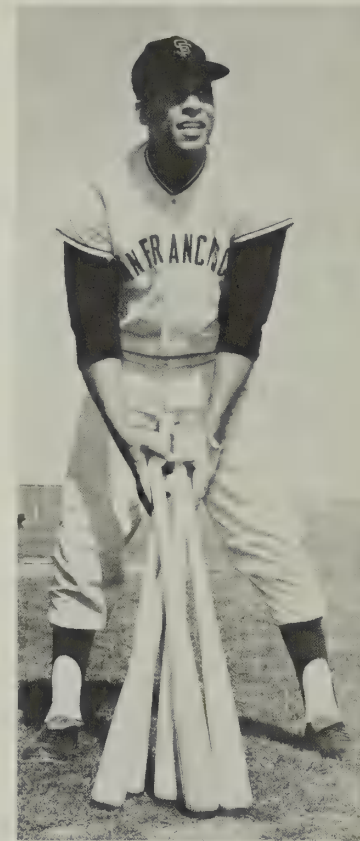
his three years in the minors.

He has been selected for the All Star team for the past six consecutive years. In 1961, his best season, he led the National League in home runs with 47, in runs batted in with 142.

That's the kind of player Orlando Cepeda is when he's healthy.

"Now that Dr. McLaughlin has fixed my knee, I hope to play better than ever in 1965," Orlando said.

If he does, National League pitchers had better duck.



Ready for rival pitchers

## Weinberg Scholars: Return Applications By Jan. 29 Deadline

Presbyterian Hospital personnel who intend to pursue job-related courses during the Spring semester with assistance from the Sidney J. Weinberg Employees Educational Aid Reimbursement Plan have only until January 29 to file their applications.

The application forms are available now in the Personnel Office, located in the basement of Babies Hospital. The forms must be completed and returned to the office by that date.

Weinberg aid is available to any full-time employee who has served the hospital at least six consecutive months and who intends to further his or her education through job-related studies at a school of recognized standing.

Under conditions of the plan, an employee will be reimbursed up to half the tuition fee for one to six credits per semester, or the equivalent in non-credit courses — provided the courses are completed satisfactorily.

Further information may be obtained by calling Miss Lillian Oring at extension 2331.

## She'll Be on TV

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ber, is scheduled to be televised on Sunday night (Jan. 10) over WPIX-TV, Channel 11.

Thelma, as she prefers to be called, is the wife of Sgt. Walter E. King, an Army career man who recently returned from 12 months' duty as a helicopter pilot in Viet Nam. Twice his aircraft was hit by Viet Cong fire, although he escaped injury.

Trained as a practical nurse at Duval Medical Center, Jacksonville, Fla., Thelma has been here since November 1963.

Incidentally, she may well be the youngest grandmother in the Medical Center family. She was 34 on Nov. 13; a day later, a girl was born to Thelma's daughter-in-law and son, Harry James King, an 18-year-old Marine stationed at Parris Island, S. C. They named the baby Thelma, after grandma.

## Nurse Bazaar Raises \$2,368

Proceeds from the annual student nurses' bazaar held Dec. 10 in Maxwell Hall amounted to \$2,368 after expenses, according to Martha M. Marx, student chairman, and Sheila McGuire, co-chairman.

Sixty per cent of the money (\$1,420) goes for nursing scholarships, 25 per cent goes toward the cost of sending a student nurse (Miss D. Katherine Klinck) to the International Council of Nurses meeting in Germany, and the remaining 15 per cent is designated for the Children's Aid Society.

The bazaar is sponsored each year by the junior class of the nursing school. Members express their appreciation to everyone who helped make this year's event such an outstanding success.



## OUR BOWLERS JUST KEEP ROLLING ALONG

While the Mad Dogs and Alley Cats are battling tooth and claw, Ann's Gents and the Ever Readys are running away from the pack and the R.A.M.S. and Nobody's Fools are sneaking into a better position.

And should any of these begin letting down, they'd better watch out because always ready to knock the ten pins out of 'em are the Bed Bugs, Frank Footers, Paper Tigers, Gutter Bumpers and Broomsticks.

That's a pretty accurate capsule report of standings at the season's halfway mark in the Medical Center Bowling League, where the competition is interesting, the exercise is wonderful, laughs are frequent, and team names are fascinating.

### CHAMPIONS STILL

What it all means is that last year's league champions, Ann's Gents, look as if they might bowl over all competitors again. The team is made up of Ann Solga, Ray Laureano, Fred Domenguez and Sid Parry.

Also giving every indication of repeating the top individual bowler titles they won last year are Richie Salvatore (191 average, 677 series and 266 single) and Anita MacDonnell (157 average, 539 series, 206 single). At this point, no other bowlers appear to be close enough to overtake their lead.

Competition will continue into May, when trophies will be awarded at the annual league banquet.

## FROM THE MAILBAG

I am filled with the pleasant recollections of the efforts of all to hasten my recovery from my recent operation. Kindly convey this message to all at the Home who showed me so much kindness during my stay—from a former patient at Mary Harkness Unit.

Your entire staff is most efficient in their services to the sick and are an inspiration to the patient, helping to speed his recovery and convalescence. My sincere appreciation for the excellent care I received during my stay at Presbyterian Hospital—from a former patient on Harkness 11th Floor Annex.

I found the service given by the floor nurses most excellent. They were all so kind and anxious to render all the services a sick patient requires. The food was exquisite, the meals all delicious and well served. All in all my stay at Harkness was very rewarding—from a former patient on Harkness 9.

# DR. FISHER'S BRIEF WAR WITH CUPID

## Lovers' Giggles Awoke His Patients; His Patience Came To A Sudden End

Once upon a time, when Manhattan's Central Park was safe for such things, enthusiastic swains would go a-courtin' there, serenading and wooing their lady loves.

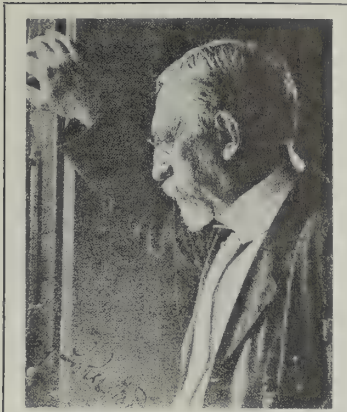
This was a sensible age: there was a midnight curfew on the park—and police enforced it, much to the chagrin of the lovers.

Chased from their chosen seclusion, they went in search of new privacy. Apparently they often found it, to the detriment of sleeping patients, in the sheltering shadows of Presbyterian Hospital, then located just east of the park, between 70th and 71st Streets.

We are writing of the year 1908.

Superintendent of the hospital was Dr. C. Irving Fisher, a kindly man, almost regal-appearing in his pince-nez and grey Vandyke beard, who was in the 17th of his 23 years as chief administrator.

Now the good doctor, by his own testimony to reporters, had nothing against Romeos wooing their Juliets; but when their courtship manifested itself in serenading, kissing and giggling so noisy it awakened his slumbering patients, Dr. Fisher declared war on Cupid.



DR. C. IRVING FISHER  
Kindly old gentleman peers out window—perhaps pondering the problem of the noisy lovers.

### REPORTERS DETECT HUMOR IN THE SITUATION

He demanded, through the captain in charge of the East 67th Street Station, that police put an end to the post-midnight revelry near his hospital.

His complaint came to the attention of a battery of alert police reporters; they detected an element of humor in the situation.

The next day, July 11, 1908, Gothamites chuckled into their newspapers as they read the Dr. Fisher vs. Cupid stories; each reporter, for added humorous impact, had slightly altered and gleefully exaggerated the facts.

The Times, even then the most conservative of them all, had Dr. Fisher lamenting that "the lovemaking in the shadows of the hospital is a positive disturbance to patients and that Cupid is on the job every night from midnight until after two o'clock in the morning.

"After they are driven from the park, young folk from the east side flock to the hospital and take possession of all the dark spots around the institution. There are always two or three couples on the stoops. There is a shriek once in a while that awakens the patients."

### NOT OPPOSED TO CUPID, BUT . . .

In a burst of unrestrained levity (for the Times), the reporter concluded his article with this direct quote from Dr. Fisher:

"Now I'm not opposed to Cupid in any way, but I don't think he has any right to be doing business around a hospital."

Not to be outdone in the humor department by any rival, the old World attracted attention to its story with a remarkable headline that, by honest error, we're sure, made it appear that the police were the offending Romeos:

"MIDNIGHT WOOERS DISTURB PATIENTS—Police Asked to Stop Hugging, Kissing and Mushy-Gushing Under Hospital Windows."

Following up this wonderful beginning, the World reported Dr. Fisher as being convinced a sick patient "derives no benefit from being awakened at dead o' night by the echo of a kiss, the ecstatic giggle accompanying a hug, or a serenade in which the singer's voice is tremulous with feeling."

The World added a string of funny comments, all offered as direct quotations from Dr. Fisher—who probably was quite surprised to learn that he said:

"Ever since the buds began bursting in Central Park, fond lovers have congregated around the hospital after the park is closed to them at midnight.

"They stand under our windows and make a noisy round trip of wooing. My patients are losing sleep and their recovery is retarded. Under different conditions, osculatory reverberations may be either stimulating or soothing, but they're mustard plaster to the ear of an invalid. It's unbearable for a man who feels his grip on life slipping to hear another fellow warbling 'Love Me, and the World Is Mine.'

"We of the medical fraternity recognize love-sickness as incurable, the same as cancer and leprosy, but that is no reason why victims should throw love fits under the windows of a hospital."

### "THE SQUAWKINESS OF SINGING SWAINS"

There is one final clipping in the archives of the Public Interest Office but, unfortunately, it is unidentified, so we can't give proper credit to writer or paper. But the words of the reporter, a poet at heart, deserve to be shared.

"AUDIBLE CARESSES HOSPITAL DISTRESSES," reads the rhymed headline. The rest of the short article presents the same basic facts of the Dr. Fisher vs. Cupid matter, but with just an added touch of irreverence.

"The squawkiness of singing swains, telling sweet nothings into shell-like ears beneath the windows . . . makes night miserable for persons on beds of sickness. Smacks loud enough to wake the sleeping resound nightly. . . . Then there are the singing ones, who warble about sweetheart and dear heart and die-for-you, only they don't die."

### AN ANONYMOUS GEM OF DOGGEREL

What makes this unidentified paper's contribution unique is the following gem of doggerel:

When the whippoorwill is singing  
(If in Central Park he sings)  
When the nightingale's regaling  
(If they ever do such things)  
Then the gushers love to mush, no sound repressing!  
  
Then those patients on their pallets  
(They're not patient, though, in fact)  
In their brains feel pounding mallets  
(As some sick brains often act)  
Hear the smacking and caressing so distressing!  
  
But it's likely that the wooers wouldn't woo  
If they knew the circumstances, nor would you!

### "SWEETHEART CHASERS" TO THE RESCUE

All papers agreed on the results of Dr. Fisher's complaint to police: the station captain assigned two detectives (both married, the papers stressed) to act as "sweetheart chasers," with orders, as the World reporter concluded, "to arrest, if necessary, any swain who got gushy within earshot of the windows."

We hope this means Dr. Fisher was victorious, although we have our doubts. Whoever heard of Cupid being vanquished?



THE OLD PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL, 1908

The tall spires and chimneys of the old buildings cast long, dark shadows where midnight lovers, chased from Central Park, gathered to continue their "hugging, kissing, and mushy-gushing."



# THEY'LL REPRESENT OUR NURSES IN GERMANY

Judith Derkocz, Graduate Nurse

## She Wouldn't Believe the News

As was announced in the December issue of *Stethoscope*, Miss Judith N. Derkocz, a permanent night duty nurse on the 4th floor of Babies Hospital, was chosen by lot as a representative of the Presbyterian Hospital graduate nursing staff to the June meeting in Frankfurt, Germany of the International Council of Nurses. Her travel expenses will be paid by proceeds from a Department of Nursing cake sale held here in November.

When a spokesman for the Nursing Department called Judy Derkocz to inform her that she's been selected for the free trip to Germany, the 22-year-old nurse thought at first, since she was enjoying a day off, that someone wanted her to work.

"Then I was convinced it was all a practical joke," she said. "I've never won anything in my life before. I even lost all the time at bingo."

"Judy wouldn't believe me. She thought I was kidding," confirmed Joan Beuchler, senior nursing supervisor in Vanderbilt Clinic. As advisor to the Graduate Staff and Social Committee of the Department of Nursing, Miss Beuchler was designated to tell Judy of her good fortune.

The attractive brunette's name had been drawn from a drum containing the names of more than 100 candidates, all of whom were proposed for the honor by their supervisors. Miss Barbara Wright, night nursing supervisor of Babies Hospital, had nominated Judy.

A young lady who was born, raised and educated in Pennsylvania, Judy Derkocz had seldom been away from her home state until she came to New York a year ago to join the nursing staff of Babies Hospital.

### HOME IS PALMERTON, PA.

She is a native of Palmerton, Pa., a town, she explained, best known for its zinc smelting plant, the largest in the world. And she was graduated in 1960 from Stephen S. Palmer High School, which was named for the man who founded the zinc smeltery.

After high school, she went on to Easton (Pa.) Hospital School of Nursing, where she "did the usual things a student nurse does." She also served on the school's judiciary and year-book committees, captained the basketball team, and represented Easton Hospital at the 1962 Pennsylvania State Convention of Student Nurses.

She was graduated in June 1963, then worked for four months in Easton Hospital's busy emergency room before coming here.

### SHE'S THE OUTDOOR TYPE

Away from her nursing duties, Judy is essentially an outdoor type. She loves swimming, tennis, basketball and horseback riding, skating and skiing. Her indoor hobbies are reading and modernistic abstract art. She prefers to express herself artistically in charcoals and pastel chalks.

Another of her favorite pastimes is travel. She has taken auto trips to Florida and one to Texas and Mexico. "I've al-



JUDY DERKOCZ

ways wanted to see Europe—I'm very excited that I'm going to have a chance."

One more important point. "Please thank everyone who baked and everyone who bought at the nurses' cake sale," she added. "If it weren't for the contributions of these people, I wouldn't have this opportunity. Please tell everyone I'm very appreciative."

D. Katherine Klinck, Student Nurse

## A Wonderful Birthday Present

"It was the most wonderful 21st birthday present I could imagine," said 2nd-year student nurse Dorothy Katherine Klinck. "And it was a complete surprise."

She was speaking about being notified on December 10, the eve of her birthday, that she was selected to represent the student body of the School of Nursing at the International Council of Nurses meeting in Frankfurt, Germany.

Her trip will be financed by a percentage of the proceeds from the past two nurse bazaars.

Known as Kathy to her friends, she was elected by the nursing student body, from a list of 2nd-year students compiled by a criteria committee. This nominating board was composed of Executive Board members of each class, an additional representative from each class, and Miss Helen F. Pettit, Professor of Nursing.

"When I realized that I was one of three girls nominated by the criteria committee, I was so excited I was shaking in my boots," she confessed. "I didn't dare to hope I would win."

Very popular with her classmates, Kathy was class treasurer during her first year and is now vice president. She is the only Canadian in the nursing school.



KATHY KLINCK

Home for her is Lennoxville, Quebec, where her dad, Dr. William J. Klinck, is a specialist in general surgery, affiliated with Sherbrooke Hospital. Her mother is a former dietitian.

She is one of four children. Her sister Nancy, 22, is a teacher of French. Brother John, 20, is a junior at McGill University, majoring in physi-

cal education, and brother Stephen, 17, is a high school senior who intends to be a doctor.

After she was graduated from Lennoxville High School in 1961, she studied for two years at Houghton (N. Y.) College, where she was class social chairman and played on the school's volleyball and basketball teams.

### SHE ENJOYS SPORTS

A very soft-spoken young lady who appears too feminine for such athletic competition, she is nevertheless very active in athletics. She is a forward on the nursing school's basketball team and includes among her favorite activities swimming, skating and skiing, both on snow and water. She also enjoys knitting, sewing and playing the piano.

Kathy is "thrilled" at the prospect of listening to and speaking with some of the world's foremost nursing administrators and educators. And she is "very, very excited" as she anticipates her first view of many of Europe's famous points of beauty.

### A NEW WEDDING DATE

But as it happens so many times, unexpected good fortune, welcomed though it is, causes a disruption of one's personal plans. So it is with Kathy.

She was scheduled to become Mrs. David P. Krentel on June 26—a date when she will be in Europe. Fortunately, her fiancé, a senior majoring in history at Houghton College, is an understanding sort and he is happy that his bride-to-be has received such an opportunity.

So the wedding date has been moved back just a bit and the ceremony will take place in July.

## Dr. Corscaden

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gynecology at Nassau Hospital in Mineola, L. I., and had been a consulting gynecologist at Englewood, N. J. Hospital from 1938 until he retired from active practice last year.

He was the recipient of a number of awards, including the College of Physicians and Surgeons Alumni Medal, 1951, and the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Distinguished Service Award, 1953.

### HEADED P&S ALUMNI

A past president of the New York Obstetrical Society and of the P&S Alumni Association, Dr. Corscaden was a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a past vice president of the American Radium Society.

He was a member of the American Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the American Medical Association, the Surgical Research Society, Harvey Society and the New York Academy of Medicine.

### WAS AN AVID SAILOR

For almost 30 years, Dr. Corscaden made his home in Riverdale. He went to live in Hague, N. Y. after his retirement last year.

He was an avid sailor and belonged to the Northern Lake George Yacht Club, of which he was a Commodore, and the Riverdale Yacht Club. He was also a member of the Obstetricians and Gynecologists Travel Club and Century Association.

Dr. Corscaden was married in 1913 to Julia (Thomas) Corscaden, who died in 1956. He is survived by three children, James Albert of Houston, Tex.; Julia, wife of Dr. John T. Beaty of Greenwich, Conn., and Helen, wife of Mr. Philip Quartier of Richfield Springs, N. Y., and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were December 14 in Christ Church, Riverdale. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Sloane Hospital at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE SET

A memorial service for Dr. Corscaden will be held in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel on January 15 at 5:30 p.m. The tribute will be offered by Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr., Director of Service, Obstetrics and Gynecology.

### FROM THE MAILBAG

My sincere thanks for all the kindness and help given to me during my stay at the Neurological Institute. I'm getting along well and my thoughts of you continue to brighten my days—from a former patient at Neuro.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

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thalmos" and on "The X-Ray Diagnosis of Eye and Orbital Conditions" at the Eye Department of the Downstate Medical Center. He also lectured to the Resident Staff of the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia on "Tumors of the Eye and Adnexa and their Diagnosis."

DR. J. LAWRENCE POOL, Director of Neurosurgery, was a Visiting Professor at the University of Wisconsin recently, and lectured at the meeting of the Central Neurosurgical Society in Chicago.

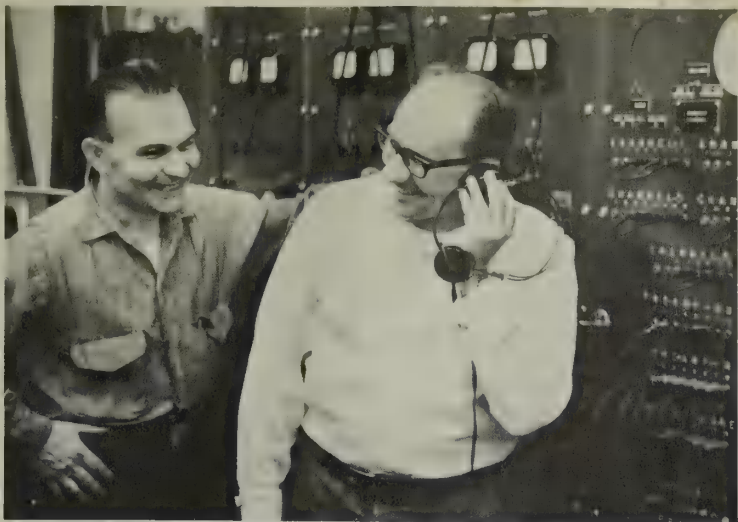
DR. CLEMENT C. CLAY, Director, Graduate Program in Hospital Administration at the School of Public Health, has been elected to the Council of Regents of the American College of Hospital Administra-

tors as a representative for New York State.

DR. ROBERT C. DARLING, Director of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, attended the Annual Workshop and Membership Meeting of the Association of Rehabilitation Centers in Phoenix, Ariz. He was accompanied by Samuel Feitelberg, Coordinator of Physical and Occupational Therapy. Dr. Darling is chairman of the Committee on Education for the Association.

DRS. HANS NEUMANN and NICHOLAS DISALVO of the Columbia University Dental School, presented a paper on the mechanisms of dental caries at a recent conference at the New York Academy of Sciences.





Bedside Broadcasting System's Gene Mozzillo, left, and Bill Earl.

## Bedside Broadcasts: Music to a Patient's Ear

If there's music in the air these days it probably emanates from the hospital's radio station, the Bedside Broadcasting System, on the 11th floor in Presbyterian Hospital.

Right now it's Christmas music being played for three and a half hours daily. During the rest of the year it's tuneful melodies to lift the spirits of patients who tune their bedside speakers in on Channel 1. Organ music for the chapel and the worship services, of all three major faiths, as well as special events originating at the hospital may be heard on this band. Music for these broadcasts is put on tape in our studio mostly from records and sometimes from live performances.

### LIVE TALENT SUNDAYS

On Sunday afternoons the concerts are given by live talent. Vocalists and instrumentalists are provided through the Hospital Music Service of the Protestant Council of New York City, which arranges for artists to entertain in hospitals and nursing homes in this area, according to Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., who does the programming for the Bedside System.

These sabbath interludes are put on the air from the red-carpeted, soundproofed studio adjoining the radio control room, which facility has also been the setting for broadcasts by newscasters Edward R. Murrow and Lowell Thomas,

who did their daily programs here while they were patients in Harkness.

Keeping the hospital's 500 watt station in operation is a big job, ably handled by Bill Earl and Eugene Mozzillo, who came to the hospital 12 years ago, just two years after the establishment of the Bedside Broadcasting System by a gift of The John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc. They operate the broadcast unit, keep the music library on tape and monitor the rebroadcasts of programs from five local radio stations which are available on the 6-channel bedside sets in patient areas throughout the Medical Center.

Bill and Gene have many other functions. Added to their engineering tricks is the responsibility for maintaining the audio-visual equipment here. This, as any householder can attest, is a seemingly never-ending chore. As there are television sets (150 of them on the wards), amplifiers, projectors, talking book reproducers, hi-fi equipment and doctors' page system, to mention some of the items to be serviced, there are quite a few problems to be coped with. On the average of 50 requests a day, Bill Earl says.

### 1,400 UNITS IN USE

The most frequent call is for repair of the pull chain on the bedside speakers. With more than 1,400 of these units in use there may be some delay in answering these calls for help so Bill offers this do-it-yourself advice to the nurses on the floors. "If the chain breaks, just pull out the plug on the side of the unit and leave it disconnected until we can take it out for repair."

During the holiday season the busy schedule of these two men becomes even heavier with the addition of carolling programs by visiting groups and Christmas programs in the hospital. Their dedicated services go a long way toward brightening the season for our patients.

## Elevator Operator Has A Bonny Smile For Her Passengers

The patients who ride the elevator operated by Isabella Bonny always get a cheerful smile and an encouraging word from this pleasant, attractive attendant. Her solicitude is especially welcome to her anxious passengers, who may be emergency admissions or patients enroute to the operating room or to x-ray. She likes people and hers is the perfect spot for her friendly personality to show forth.

Bonny, as she prefers being called, came to the hospital 11 years ago. For a while, after she was widowed, she worked as a relief operator, but returned to full time duty when her two sons were able to manage without her at home. When the boys left school, Edward, now 22, and William, recently turned 17, became a part of the hospital family, too. They worked as messengers at Neuro until they entered the armed forces. Ed recently finished a four-year stint in the Marine Corps and Bill just left to join the Navy.

### WORKS WITH GIRLS

Bonny's hobbies involve working with young people. She coaches swimming for the Girl Scouts, training youngsters for their life-saving badges at the George Washington High School pool. Three evenings a week and Saturday afternoons she spends in the gym of St. Elizabeth's Church coaching the girls' basketball teams for the Catholic Youth Organization competitions. In recognition of her six years work with this group Bonny recently received an award at a CYO convocation at St. Patrick's Cathedral. An interesting note is that Bonny is not a catholic. Her children are, though, and through them she became interested in this youth work.

The old adage says that only busy people have spare time. Bearing this out Bonny finds time to cook, decorate her apartment and sew all her own clothes. Right now she's thinking of organizing a women's basketball or softball team in her neighborhood, "to keep in trim," says this trim little lady.

## Sale Earns \$100 For New Books

A limited pre-Christmas book sale in Milbank Library brought in about \$100, according to Librarian Barbara Martin. The proceeds will be used to purchase new books, she added.

## U. H. F. Returns

With almost six weeks to go in the direct benefit phase of the 1964-65 United Hospital Fund campaign, six teams representing the Medical Center had raised \$158,044.63.

The amount, including all gifts received through Dec. 21, is \$35,074.63 over the Hospital's "direct benefit quota."

## Just for Fun, TV's Sonny Fox Entertains at Babies Hospital

Sonny Fox, Master of Ceremonies on Channel 5's Wonderama and Just for Fun shows, entertained the orthopedic children in Babies Hospital at their Christmas party on December 15. Escorted by Mal Kerwit, father of one of the child patients, the TV personality led a happy group of patients, parents and student nurses in party games and nonsense.

Sonny is no stranger to Babies Hospital. Back in 1955, he and his crew, then doing a Sunday morning spot on WCBS-TV, did their weekly Let's Take A Trip program here, touring through the pediatric unit and explaining the facilities and procedures to his two child-stars, Ginger McManus and Pud Flanagan. The program was a warm, informative documentary showing the hospital as a pleasant place to be when one is ill.

As a matter of fact, according to Sonny, it must have been a very convincing story that they told on that Sunday morning since the co-star, Ginger McManus, is now a second year medical student at Tulane Medical School.

Although the show is almost ten years old it is still timely and the tape is presently "on tour" of the elementary schools in Westchester and Bergen Counties where it is being presented to young students as a psychological preparation for possible hospital admissions.



SONNY FOX

Sonny's presentation was followed by the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, in the persons of Mr. Bert Bloom, friend of one of the young patients, and Mrs. Doris Lagergren, occupational therapist, who added to the spirit when they arrived trundling their truck of gifts.

Mrs. Frieda Dankworth, Volunteer on the Play Floor, provided accompaniment and direction for the sing-along, and Sam Ulano entertained with his rhythm drums. This is the eleventh annual appearance for Mr. Ulano, whose program is a highlight of each orthopedic Christmas party.

Mrs. Eva Hoffman, director of recreational therapy for the orthopedic floor, was in charge of arrangements for the gala.



Elevator operator Isabella Bonny welcomes boarding passengers.



# DEDICATION OF McALISTER SUITE TO HIGHLIGHT BEGINNING OF \$5,000,000 BABIES CAMPAIGN

## Mr. Belmont

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**AUGUST BELMONT**  
Heads Babies Drive

care unit on the 9th floor of Babies Hospital.

### ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Chairman of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Committee, announced Mr. Belmont would head the Babies Committee, which includes: Mrs. Henry C. Taylor, Mrs. Casimir deRham and Mrs. Orson D. Munn, co-chairmen; Mrs. Henry I. Barbey, Mrs. B. Rionda Braga, Mrs. Franklin J. Horne, Mrs. Cameron F. MacRae, Mrs. Edwin Megargee, Mrs. R. Peter Rose, Mrs. H. Allan Sillcox, Mrs. John S. Tilney, Mrs. Carll Tucker, Jr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Whitlock. Dr. Douglas S. Damrosch, Associate Attending Pediatrician, has been named chairman of the Doctors' Committee in the Babies Hospital Campaign.

Mr. Belmont, a New York City native, was educated at St. Mark's School and received his A.B. from Harvard in 1931. In addition to being a Trustee of Presbyterian Hospital, he is a member of the Board of Directors of Huntington Hospital in Long Island, a Trustee of the American Museum of Natural History, a Trustee of Green-Wood Cemetery, a Trustee of St. Mark's School and a Trustee of the Provident Loan Society.

A special assistant to the under secretary of the Navy in 1940, he saw active duty as a lieutenant commander from 1942 to 1945. Mr. Belmont joined Dillon, Read & Co., becoming president in 1962.

Mr. Belmont is also a director and member of the executive committee of the American National Fire Insurance Co.,

## Dr. Douglas S. Damrosch Will Head Doctors' Committee In New Drive

Dr. Douglas S. Damrosch, associate attending pediatrician and associate professor of pediatrics at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, has been named chairman of the Doctors' Committee in the \$5,000,000 Babies Hospital Campaign.

Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., Director of Babies Hospital, who announced Dr. Damrosch's acceptance of the chairmanship, said that the Babies project, part of the \$50,000,000 Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Program, will open Jan. 13th.

### DOCTORS INVITED TO SERVE

Dr. Damrosch said that all doctors on the Babies Hospital staff have been invited to serve as members of the Doctors' Committee in the Babies Campaign. In addition, doctors on other services caring for children in Babies Hospital will be invited to serve.

A familiar figure at the Medical Center, Dr. Damrosch is a native New Yorker, who received his education at the Kent School, Columbia University (A.B. 1937) and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he was awarded his M.D. in 1940.

After a pediatric internship at New York Hospital, he began his residency at Babies Hospital in 1941, interrupted it for active duty in the Navy from 1942 to 1946, and returned to complete his residency at Babies between 1946 and 1948. Since that time, Dr. Damrosch has been a member of the academic staff at P&S and the professional staff in Babies Hospital and Vanderbilt Clinic.

A diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics and a member of many professional societies, Dr. Damrosch has written several articles for professional journals, contributed to the 12th and 13th editions of the text on pediatrics by Drs. Holt and McIntosh,

and the Great American Insurance Co., a director of A.V.C. Corporation and Congoleum Nairn, Inc., and a director and vice-president of the U. S. & Foreign Securities Corporation.

Mr. Belmont, who resides in Syosset, L. I., is married to the former Louise Vietor Winston and has two sons, August and John Saltonstall, and two daughters, Alice Lee and Priscilla.



**DR. D. S. DAMROSCH**  
Heads Doctors' Committee

and to "The McIntosh Era at Babies Hospital."

Dr. and Mrs. Damrosch, the former Eleanor Southern, have three daughters, Barbara, Eloise and Anne, and live in Sherman, Conn.

## POETIC GRATITUDE

Mr. Edward McMullan of Red Hook, N. Y., delighted to have his son Kevin back home after a lengthy stay as a patient on the ninth floor of Babies Hospital, expressed his appreciation in poetic form to all of those who had cared for and helped restore the boy to good health.

### THANKS TO BABIES HOSPITAL

by

*Edward J. McMullan*

It seems to me I am behind  
in thanking you for being  
so kind  
to Kevin, that sole heir  
of mine,  
so thank you, Babies Nine.

Kevin seems to be just fine  
if his appetite is any sign.  
So everything now seems  
in line,  
much thanks to Babies Nine.

We cannot take you all to dine  
or send you sprays of  
wild woodbine;  
but by putting down our  
thanks in rhyme  
we prove sincerity to  
Babies Nine.

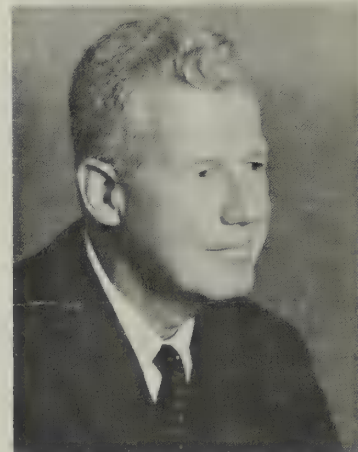
## Ceremonies

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Guaranty Trust Co., of New York.

Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., Director of Babies Hospital, will be master of ceremonies at the dedication and speakers will be August Belmont, chairman of the Babies Development Committee, A. J. Binkert, executive vice president of Presbyterian Hospital, and Dr. George H. Humphreys, II, Director of Surgery.

The Board of Women Managers of Babies Hospital has scheduled its annual meeting to coincide with the date of the dedication, and members will be hostesses at a tea on the 9th floor at 4 p.m., preceding the ceremonies, according to Mrs. R. Peter Rose, President of the Board of Women Managers.



**DR. E. C. CURNEN, JR.**  
Will Preside

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, chairman of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Committee, announced that August Belmont, a Trustee of Presbyterian Hospital and President of Dillon, Read & Co., has accepted the chairmanship of the Babies Campaign. General Clay reported that almost \$45,000,000 has been raised in the \$50,000,000 Medical Center Campaign, and \$1,500,000 has already been designated for the \$5,000,000 Babies project.

This project will increase the size of Babies Hospital by one third through the addition of a two-story extension south of the existing building which will be modernized. The new building will house facilities for laboratories, staff offices and conference rooms, now cramped in the present hospital. Subsequent to this, a complete renovation of Babies Hospital will create much needed modern facilities for patient care, new treatment apparatus, adequate nurses' stations and other improvements. Laboratories designed for

one or two researchers are utilized by several persons and the need for additional research equipment has increased greatly since these laboratories were built.

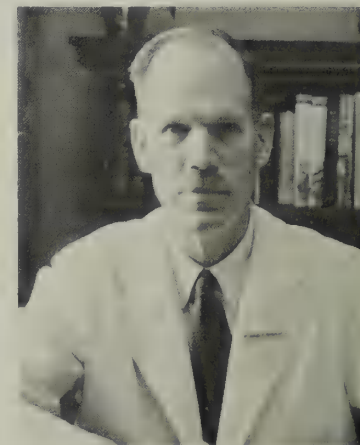


**A. J. BINKERT**  
Dedication Speaker

It has become necessary in recent years to use sunrooms and other areas designated for recreational activities of convalescents for storage areas.

Today, doctors must hold conferences in corridors frequently, because of the lack of proper facilities. Nurses' stations have been created in some areas by placing a desk at the end of a busy corridor. Space limitation has even, in some cases, precluded the installation of modern but bulky equipment.

The Babies Hospital Campaign will solve this space shortage, Mr. Belmont explained. He added that Babies Hospital will also benefit from other provisions in the Development Program which include an entire floor for pediatric research in the William Black Medical Research Building, as well as offices in the new Doctors' Office Building.



**DR. G. H. HUMPHREYS, II**  
Will Speak

He added that in the funds already allocated for the Babies Hospital project, \$1,000,000 came from a recent total gift of \$5,500,000 made by the James Foundation to the medical center.





# The Stethoscope

NEWS of the COLUMBIA-PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER

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## FIVE YEARS OF PROGRESS

Five years ago this month, the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center announced plans for a vast modernization and expansion program designed to help the institution meet the challenges, known and anticipated, of the second half of the 20th Century.

Already impressive new buildings have risen and key patient care, research and teaching facilities have been modernized.

This exciting project, the most ambitious undertaking since the construction of the Medical Center in the late 1920's, is being



GEN. LUCIUS D. CLAY  
Chairman  
Development Committee

achieved through the success of the Medical Center's \$50 million Development Campaign, which has raised \$45 million.

In this issue, Stethoscope describes recent developments in two phases of this extensive program: the multimillion dollar renovation and expansion projects for Babies Hospital and the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

A pictorial report of new buildings (completed, under construction and on the drawing board) is found on page four.

## Little Ex-Patient Gives Her \$30 Christmas Gift To Babies' Fund Drive

A 12-year-old former patient who sent in \$30 she received at Christmas is the first individual contributor in the Babies Hospital \$5,000,000 Development Campaign.

The Campaign to expand and renovate Babies Hospital was launched Jan. 13 and is a part of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center \$50,000,000 Development Campaign. About \$45,000,000 has been raised.

Audrey Weathers of Riverside, Conn. mailed three \$10

bills along with a note informing her physician, Dr. William Amols, that she wanted the money to go to Babies Hospital because "all of the people there were always nice to me."

The girl was hospitalized at Babies during July and August last year. She underwent surgery for removal of a brain tumor, followed by a four-week program of radiotherapy treatments.

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## Rustin McIntosh Honorary Head Of Babies' Drive

Dr. Rustin McIntosh, director of Babies Hospital from 1932 to 1960, has agreed to serve as honorary chairman of the Babies' \$5,000,000 campaign committee. A protege of the hospital's first director, Dr. Emmett Holt, he began his long and distinguished career here as an intern in 1920. He was away for just three years, 1927-30, teaching at Johns Hopkins. As the third director in the hospital's history, Dr. McIntosh guided its destiny for 28 years until his retirement in 1960. On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Babies two years ago, he was one of six outstanding physicians who received the Medical Center's Distinguished Service Medal.



Dr. Rustin McIntosh

## She's First Nun in Our Nurse-Midwife Program

Sister Mary Finbarr, the first member of a religious order to participate in the Graduate Program in Maternity Nursing at the Medical Center, is enjoying every minute of her stay here.

### Hospital Increases Retirement Benefits

Benefits available to Presbyterian Hospital staff and personnel under the Group Retirement Plan have been increased effective Jan. 1, 1965, according to Mr. A. J. Binkert, Executive Vice President.

He said this is the fifth revision in the pension plan since it was adopted in 1931.

The latest changes fall under three major categories:

1. Benefits at normal retirement age, 65, have been increased. These benefits now accrue annually at the rate of 3/4% of ones annual earnings included under Social Security (currently \$4,800), plus 1 1/2% of any excess of \$4,800.

(Formerly, benefits accrued annually at the rate of 1/2% of yearly earnings included under Social Security, plus 1 1/4% of any excess.)

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An extrovert, blessed with infectious good humor, Sister Mary frequently is surrounded by a group of laughing young students thoroughly enjoying her observations, when she goes back and forth to classes and clinics from her apartment in Maxwell Hall.

Unusual as it is to have a religious making her home at Maxwell Hall, it is also an innovation for Sister to be living outside a convent while pursuing her studies. The arrangement came about when it

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Sister Mary Finbarr



Audrey Weathers and her mother visit with Dr. William Amols

## P&S TO RENOVATE \$2,104,600 Project Slated For Mid-1966 Completion

Plans for a \$2,000,000 renovation and expansion program to modernize its teaching laboratories and lecture rooms have been announced by Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The project will allow for a possible small increase in enrollment.

A grant of \$1,052,300 by the U. S. Public Health Service has made the project possible. The University, required to supply matching funds, will be aided by grants from the Avalon Foundation, Lillia Babbitt Hyde Foundation and philanthropic individuals.

Extensive reconstruction and expansion will take place in rooms and laboratories at the College which have not been significantly altered since the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center was built 36 years ago.

The plans were announced by Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the medical school.

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## STETHOSCOPIA

### ● CALL ME MRS.

Dr. Marianne J. Legato, senior assistant resident in medicine, was married to Dr. Paul Killian, chief medical resident, First Division, Bellevue, in a recent ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Celia Carey, R.N. in Presbyterian Hospital, became the bride of Barry I. Meade. Ann White, R.N. in Vanderbilt Clinic, is now Mrs. James Browne. Susan Morris, R.N. in 10 PH, was married to Warren Silver of Ridgewood, N. J.; Marion McCarthy, R.N. in Doctors' Private Offices, married John Haughey, a law student at N.Y.U. Marie Cella, R.N. in Neuro, wed Lt. David Smith, stationed with the Army in Germany, where the couple will live. Lynn Beloin, medical secretary in Medical Information, married Roger T. DeAngelis, second year student at P&S. Agnes Heaphy, Blood Bank, will marry Dr. Marvin Blevins on February 20.

### ● SOON TO BE MARRIED

Marilyn Middleton, Head Nurse, PH 10C, will wed Kent Bromwell of Baltimore, Md. Holly Howard, R.N. in the Recovery Room, is engaged to Richard Stover. Anita Berenger, Communications Center, will marry John Pattern. Catherine Kerrigan, floor clerk in Harkness, is engaged to Joseph Golden of Leonia, N. J.

### ● ALL THE BEST...

Ruth Morgan, Communications Center, retired recently and will reside in Florida. Florence Fitzsimmons has left the Communications Center, too. Mrs. Jane Salomon is no longer in the Blood Bank. Mrs. Frances Wiggins, First Cook at Mary Harkness Unit, retired on January 19. Mrs. Edna Dress, Admitting Office, will retire March 1. A tea will be held on Feb. 25.

### ● NEW ARRIVALS...

A second daughter, Donna Marie, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Castner. Father is in Maintenance and Construction. Mrs. Rose Rush, Secretary on PH 12, recently welcomed her fourth grandchild, a girl who arrived on Christmas Day and was named Christine.

### ● CONDOLENCES...

Helena White, PH aide, recently lost her sister. We extend our sympathy.

### ● NICE TO HEAR IT...

Suzanne Wehrmaker, R.N. on Neuro 5, Suzanne Dufort, R.N. on Babies 10 and Mrs. Celia Jowell, R.N. in the PH Operating Room. Suzanne Kern, R.N. on PH 11 East and Aleta Kinley, R.N. in Vanderbilt Clinic 1 have been promoted to Head Nurse. Grace Mackay, R.N. in the Neuro Nursing Office, has been made Senior Supervisor.

### ● HAPPY HOLIDAYERS...

Mrs. Dorothy Pryor, Food Manager at Mary Harkness Unit, is sunning in Florida while Mrs. Anne D. Barrett, Nurse at Mary Harkness, is skiing in Vermont. Winn Johnson, former superintendent of grounds at the Unit, visited there recently. He is enjoying his retirement in the Adirondacks.

### ● CONGRATULATIONS...

Theresa Mahoney, daughter of Mrs. Noreen Mahoney, secretary in Professional Services Office, has been awarded a two-year scholarship to the New Rochelle Hospital School of Nursing by the Kiwanis Club of Westchester. Captain Roger Hugh Donlon, a recent recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for valor in Viet Nam, is a cousin of Mrs. Muriel Dunleavy, Infant Care Technician in Harkness 8 Nursery.

### ● DR. ANDREWS & THE CARPINUS JAPONICA

Dr. David L. Andrews, Assistant Attending Orthopedic Surgeon, created the cover picture for the November-December-January issue of Bonsai Bulletin. The group planting, which was exhibited and photographed at the Bonsai Society's Fall Show, is a five-trunk arrangement of Japanese Hornbeam (Carpinus japonica, to the initiate).

## In Memoriam

### DR. KENNETH KELLEY

Dr. Kenneth Kelley, Attending Psychiatrist at Presbyterian Hospital and Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at P&S, died January 6 in Presbyterian Hospital. He had been on the staff of the Presbyterian Hospital since 1939 and was associated with the Psychoanalytic Clinic at Psychiatric Institute. Dr. Kelley is survived by his wife, Janine, two stepdaughters and a brother.

### REV. DR. E. I. CAMPBELL

The Rev. Edward I. Campbell, D.D., Associate Chaplain at Mary Harkness Unit, died on December 13. Dr. Campbell had been in the Chaplain's Department here for 3 years after retiring from the pastorate of the Pleasantville, N. Y. Presbyterian Church, where he served for 38 years. Funeral services and burial was in Pleasantville, N. Y.

### MRS. W. ROY MANNY

Mrs. Lorraine Manny, a member of the Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary since 1954, died on January 9 in Hanover, N. H.

Mrs. Manny had been a Volunteer at the Medical Center for many years. During World War II she was graduated from the second Nurses Aide Course given here by the Red Cross and from 1942 until 1945 she regularly served four and five days a week at Neurological Institute. During this time of nurse shortage she accumulated 2,282 hours of service and was awarded a pin with four service bars by the United Hospital Fund. From 1954 until 1959 she was a Volunteer in the Patient Service Corps here with 654 hours of service for which she received another citation.

Mrs. Manny, who resided in Manhattan and Woodstock, Vt., is survived by her husband, W. Roy Manny, five children and 17 grandchildren. Interment was in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Tarrytown, N. Y.

## UHF Returns

With a full week to go in the direct benefit phase of the 1964-65 United Hospital Fund campaign, six teams representing the Medical Center had raised \$209,325.62.

This amount, which includes all gifts received through Jan. 25, is \$86,355.62 over the hospital's direct benefit quota. Money raised in excess of the quota reverts directly to the hospital.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

DR. WALTER R. KESSLER, Assistant Attending Pediatrician, has been elected to membership on the Sub-Board of Pediatric Allergy of the American Board of Pediatrics for January 1, 1965. He also was one of the principal speakers at the Arizona State Pediatric Society's meeting in Tucson. His paper was on the Management of Children with Severe Asthma.

DR. J. LAWRENCE POOL, Director of Neurological Surgery, will present a paper on Management of Head Injuries on February 24 at the Puerto Rico Chapter of American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Pool will be the discussor in a course on new surgical methods of treating acoustic neurinomas at the February 15-18 meeting of the Otology.

DR. ANNA L. SOUTHAM, Associate Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, was a Consultant in Reproductive Physiology at Cairo University, Egypt from January 16-30.

DR. GRAHAM CLARK, Associate Attending Ophthalmologist, will be Discussor on the Surgical Treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy at the Section on Ophthalmology meeting with the Clinical Society of the New York Diabetes Association on February 15 at the New York Academy of Medicine.



DR. HARRY SENECA, Assistant Urologist, was one of the vice presidents at the International Congress to discuss Chagas Disease, held recently in Argentina. While there he was greeted by the President of Argentina with whom he is shown shaking hands, and the Minister of Health, on the right.

DR. PHILIP A. CORFMAN, formerly a Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation Research Fellow in Obstetrics and Gynecology, has been appointed Medical Officer, Reproductive Biology Program, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

DR. BARD COSMAN, Assistant Attending Surgeon on the Plastic Surgery Service, will present a paper entitled The Composed Tube in Ear Helix Reconstruction, at the February 15 meeting of the New York State Medical Society in the Americana Hotel in New York City.

DR. DANIEL C. BAKER, JR., Director of Otolaryngological Service, will present Voice

Disturbances in Children at the Section on Pediatrics, New York State Society of Medicine Meeting on February 17 at the Americana Hotel.



Dr. Daniel Baker

DR. KARLIS ADAMSONS, JR., Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, with DR. L. STANLEY JAMES, Assistant Attending Pediatrician, and DR. MOLLY E. TOWELL, Research Fellow in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, are visiting scientists at the Primate Research Center, Beaverton, Oregon, where, in collaboration with Dr. Gerold F. Lucey of the University of Vermont, they will explore the possibility of producing an experimental model for the study of erythroblastosis fetalis.

DR. ALVIN J. B. TILLMAN, Associate Attending Physician, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, was Discussor recently on Renal function in pregnancy, given at the Section on Obstetrics and Gynecology of the New York Academy of Medicine.

DR. WILLIAM SEAMAN, Director of Radiology, will conduct a course on Physics of Diagnostic Radiology from February 2 until March 25, 5-7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at P&S.

DR. CHARLES L. CHRISTIAN, Associate Attending Physician, participated in a televised clinical science seminar on Arthritis at the New York Academy of Medicine on Tuesday evening over Station WNYV-TV, UHF Channel 31.



Dr. Christian



# Young Burn Victim's Recovery "Remarkable"

After a tragically close brush with death four months ago, 9-year-old Drucinda Moshier is delighted to be back with her fellow fourth-graders at Julian Curtiss School in Greenwich, Conn.

"Dru" is well remembered in Babies Hospital. She came here after suffering severe burns covering 70 per cent of her body. Almost half of the burns were third degree.

The accident occurred on a placid Indian Summer afternoon last September, when Drucinda's clothes were ignited by flames from an outdoor grill at her home. She was rushed to Greenwich Hospital. After initial treatment there, Drucinda was transferred to Babies Hospital for continued therapy, which included 12 skin grafting operations.

"Drucinda's recovery from such severe burn injury was remarkably rapid," recalled Dr. George F. Crikelair, Director of Plastic Surgery, who with Dr. Bard Cosman cared for the girl while she was in the hospital.

"That sort of progress is like making a hole-in-one in golf," one of his colleagues added.

## OPERATIONS AT NIGHT

Although doctors feel that the most important factor in Drucinda's rapid progress has been her own iron will to get better, they also believe the scheduling of her operations at night played a significant part.

"Nutrition is particularly important in a patient who has suffered severe burns. It is necessary to replace the protein lost through the open surfaces where skin has burned away," Dr. Cosman explained.

## NEVER MISSED A MEAL

"We felt that by doing the grafting operations at night, Drucinda wouldn't have any loss of appetite during the day. Usually, general anesthesia for a daytime operation interferes with at least one meal.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS ALL YEAR LONG

The recreational therapy program at New York Orthopaedic Hospital has been enriched by a novel idea that occurred to a group of Manhattan businessmen over the holidays.

Staff members of the National Industrial Conference Board, Inc. decided not to send each other Christmas cards and to donate the money they saved to a worthy cause. The orthopedic recreational therapy program is \$225 richer for their decision, according to Mrs. Doris Lagergren, program director, who received their check.

P.S. The staff members expressed their Merry Christmas wishes, in person, to each other — and, as a result, the New Year will be a little brighter for our orthopedic patients.

During her entire hospitalization, from late September until she left December 18th, I don't think Drucinda missed a single meal," he added.

This apparently accounted for the fact that while in the hospital Drucinda suffered no appreciable weight loss, which is also unusual in severe burn cases.

"This is the first time we have tried this type of management here, and I think the results are significant enough to warrant our following a similar pattern again when the need arises," Dr. Crikelair added.

Fortunately, Drucinda's head, neck, lower legs and feet were not burned in the accident.

Her grateful parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Moshier of Connecticut Avenue in Greenwich are thrilled to have their daughter home and going to school again.

Since her accident, Drucinda has become the beneficiary of many individuals and organizations who were touched by her plight. Contributions ranging from 25 cents to \$500 have poured in from Greenwich, Stamford, Darien, Norwalk, Harrison and Port Chester to the Greenwich Hope Fund, according to Allan W. Colegrove, principal of the school Drucinda attends and one of three trustees of the fund.

## MUCH MONEY RAISED

Several thousand dollars have been raised. These funds will be contributed toward the costs of future hospitalization and reconstructive surgery which will be necessary in years to come as Drucinda grows.

"I think Drucinda's injuries dramatically illustrate the importance of attempts to develop marketable, flame retardant clothing," Dr. Crikelair said.

Since 1964, Dr. Crikelair has been chairman of a subcommittee of the New York and Brooklyn Regional Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons, investigating permanent flame retardant clothing.

The committee is one of several groups in this country, England and Canada which

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# New Electronic Wonder



Ken Konstalid, left, console operator, consults with Mrs. Gloria Lopez, tape librarian. In the background, a consultant assists with the "debugging" of the programs, the instructions which will be fed to the machines.



Bill Vanderhaak, assistant comptroller, gets acquainted with the sensitive and complicated console unit, the "nerve center" of the new IBM system.

## Modern IBM System Will Process Patient Bills At Incredible Speed

After 2½ years of planning, Presbyterian Hospital has installed an amazing eight-unit, high-speed computer system for data processing.

The system is called an IBM 1401 data processing unit. Scheduled to go into operation in early April, after extensive testing to eliminate possible "bugs," the equipment will at first be used exclusively for the preparation of patient bills.

At some later date, it is hoped, its use will be expanded to include the preparation of payrolls, inventories, and various other accounting functions.

William Vanderhaak, as-

sistant comptroller who is in charge of data processing, said that installation of the equipment began just before Christmas. Planning, he added, began in 1962 and involved "something in excess of 20 man-years of thought and work."

Bill was assisted closely in this preliminary planning by Donald Howells and George Briggs of the hospital's data processing team.

Various units of the system will punch and read IBM cards, print information, record data onto magnetic tape and huge magnetic metal discs, and store data in an incredibly small space.



Ken, left, examines the high-speed printer unit, which will make entries on patient bills at rate of up to 600 lines a minute. Gloria views the system's "memory," which stores vast volumes of data on large metal discs.



# BABIES SURGICAL SUITE COMPLETED

Almost 200 enthusiastic guests were present for the recent dedication of the sparkling, modern McAlister Suite, Babies Hospital's new ninth floor surgical unit.

The Board of Women Managers of Babies Hospital held a tea prior to the dedication, during which there were tours of the new facilities.

Mr. Logan Fulrath, executor of the Amelie McAlister Upshur estate, who made the new suite possible as a memorial to Mrs. Upshur and her father, William McAlister, said during the brief ceremonies:

"I know there is no perfec-

tion in this world. However, Mr. McRitchie and I saw this area before reconstruction, and upon seeing it again today, remarked that this is the closest to perfection in transformation we have ever witnessed."

Mr. William A. McRitchie, co-executor of the estate and a vice president of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York was among the guests at the dedication.

This event marked the launching of the Babies Hospital Campaign for \$5,000,000 in the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center's \$50,000,000 Development Program.

After Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr. gave the invocation, Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., Director of Babies Hospital and master of ceremonies for the dedication introduced

Dr. George H. Humphreys, II, Director of Surgery. Dr. Humphreys emphasized the importance of the new facilities and the need for the addi-

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ADDITION TO BABIES TO BE STARTED IN 1965

## DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS



SERVICE BUILDING, COMPLETED IN 1962



P&S ALUMNI AUDITORIUM, COMPLETED IN 1964

Physical evidence of progress in the Medical Center's \$50 million Development Program is apparent in various pictures on this page and on page 8.

New buildings already visible include the Service Building, in operation for two years; the Alumni Auditorium

of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, now completed, and the towering William Black Medical Research Building, scheduled for completion some time this summer.

Groundbreaking will take place this year for a two-story addition to Babies Hospital

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## P&S RENOVATION PLANNED

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The work, scheduled for completion in the summer of 1966, will allow for an eventual eight percent increase in the capacity of the school's pre-doctoral enrollment. The capacity of each entering class eventually could be raised to 130 (from the present 120) "without changing the school's close and warm student-faculty relationship," said Dr. Merritt. The size of the pre-doctoral student body has not changed in 15 years.

Dr. Grayson Kirk, president of Columbia, said: "It is a costly undertaking to maintain the most modern teaching equipment and facilities in a discipline which daily makes advances in knowledge."

A total of \$2,104,600 will be spent on the project. It is part of the current \$50,000,000 development fund program of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Renovation and modernization will be carried out in sections of ten floors of the medical school building. Nearly 17,000 square feet of additional teaching areas will be created, including provision for small seminar and conference rooms.

Two existing two-story amphitheatres will be converted into four modern lecture rooms, each featuring closed circuit television. Lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning will be overhauled and improved throughout. The most up-to-date equipment will be installed in enlarged student laboratories.

Some of the new teaching space will be made available after the completion this summer of the new, adjoining William Black Medical Research Building at 168th Street and Fort Washington Avenue.

The departments of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Pharmacology, Physiology and Pathology will be affected by the renovation program.

### MANY LABORATORIES INADEQUATE

Many laboratories, said Dr. Merritt, are "inadequate for the teaching of the basic sciences in accordance with the principles of modern methods of instruction."

Much of the reconstruction work is planned in the north wing of the medical school building. Changes are projected for the departments of Biochemistry on the fourth floor, Pharmacology on the seventh, Histology on the ninth, Anatomy on the tenth, Physiology on the eleventh, Microbiology on the twelfth and Pathology on the fourteenth.

To create four new lecture rooms, a floor slab will be built at mid-height in each of the amphitheatres — one which is now between the fifth and seventh floors, the other on the eighth and ninth floors. Each amphitheater now seats 225. Seating capacity of each of the new lecture rooms will be 174.

Each position in the new student laboratories will be equipped with its own needed utilities, such as air and vacuum outlets, water and gas.

New equipment will include television cameras, monitors, projectors, several types of centrifuges, spectrophotometers, microscopes, special tables, transducers, stimulators, a polygraph and many specialized measuring devices.

## AUDREY HELPS

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Audrey's decision to donate the money to the hospital was made "entirely on her own" according to her mother, Mrs. Wade B. C. Weathers. "She was prompted by genuine appreciation," the mother added.

The money the 7th-grader at Greenwich Country Day School gave to the hospital included a \$10 Christmas present and a \$20 allowance she received from her parents to purchase Yule gifts.

### AUDREY MAKES GIFTS

"Instead of buying presents for her relatives, Audrey made gifts for us all," Mrs. Weathers said. For example, Audrey put her mother's sewing machine to good use and made aprons for her aunts and a tiny pair of slacks for her younger sister's doll.

Audrey, one of five children, also created gifts for her brothers, Wade, 17, Neil, 15, and Prentice, 9, the twin brother of Margaret, who received the slacks for her doll.

Audrey's generous gift to Babies Hospital was sent to Dr. Amols, the doctor who admitted her and has been responsible for her post-operative treatment and care. He is an associate attending neurologist and assistant professor of clinical neurology at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

In his reply to his little patient, Dr. Amols called Audrey's gift of gratitude to the hospital "the nicest thing that has happened to us . . . this Christmas Season."

### HELPS CAMPAIGN

"You probably did not know it when you mailed your letter," he told Audrey, "but a drive for Babies Hospital is about to begin and your gift will launch it nicely, as I am sure it will be the very first one received."

Officials of Babies Hospital, very moved by the little girl's expression of affection for the institution and its people, were especially pleased that the first public contribution to their development campaign should come from a child.

Such self-sacrificing giving is in keeping with the spirit of gifts that poured in from children throughout the United States during Babies Hospital's early years of struggle.

### HAPPILY SURPRISED

Audrey, happily surprised that her gift will contribute to the expansion and modernization of Babies, expressed her sentiments simply.

"I wanted the hospital to have the money. Everybody was so good to me."



# McAlister Suite Dedication Held



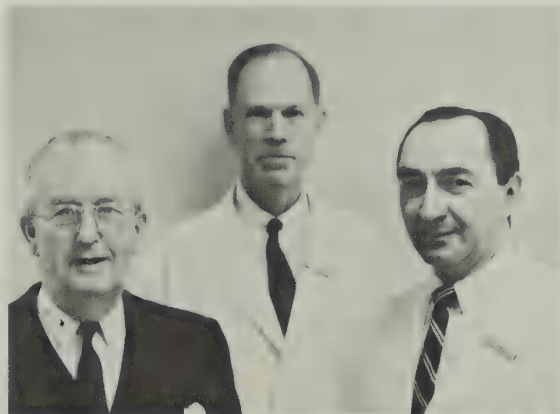
Mrs. Frederic F. deRham, Trustee of Presbyterian Hospital and member of the Board of Women Managers of Babies Hospital, was a hostess at the dedication ceremonies.



Priscilla Parke, supervisor of the Premature Nursery, explains the operation of an incubator to Mrs. Edwin Megargee, member of the Babies Hospital Campaign Committee. Beatrice Langmuir, Assistant Director, Operating Rooms, checks a bassinet.



August Belmont, Chairman of the Babies Hospital Campaign, announced the opening of the drive to raise \$5,000,000.

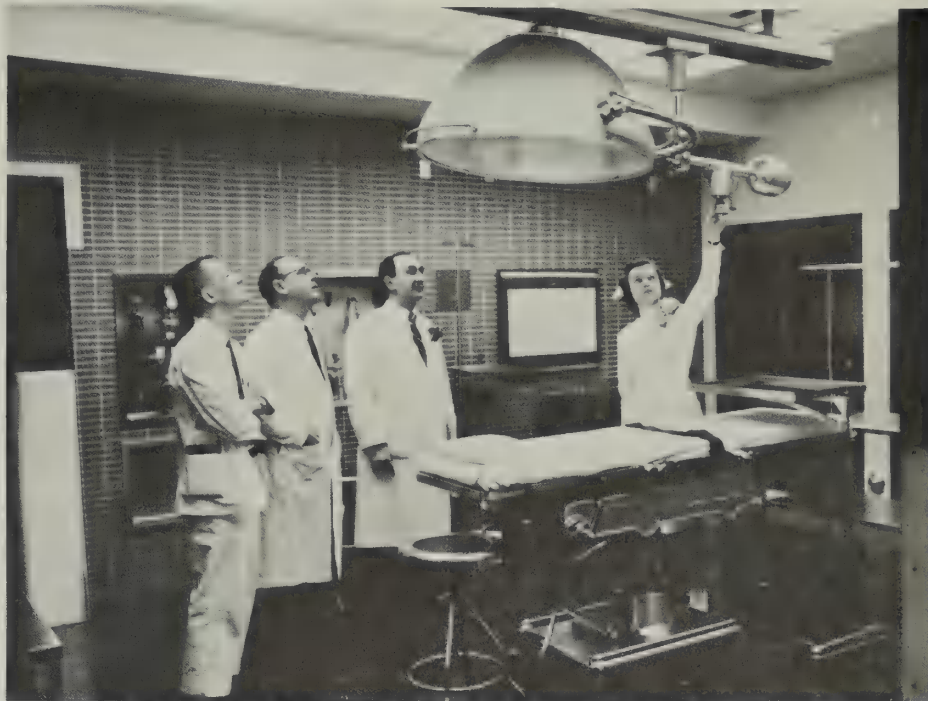


Dr. Edward J. Donovan, former Chief of the Pediatric Surgical Service, who retired to become a consultant in 1955, with Dr. George H. Humphreys II, Director of Surgery, and Dr. Santulli, who became Chief of Pediatric Surgical Service in 1955.

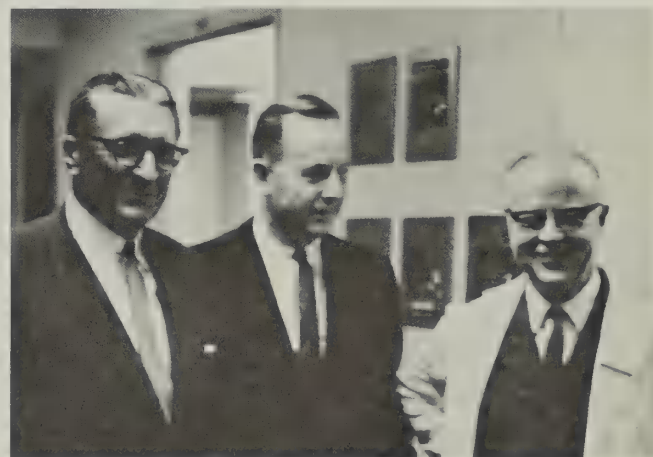
Hailing the accomplishment of this part of the Babies Hospital renovation are Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., Director of Babies Hospital, Dr. Damrosch and Mrs. John S. Tilney, member of the Babies Campaign Committee.



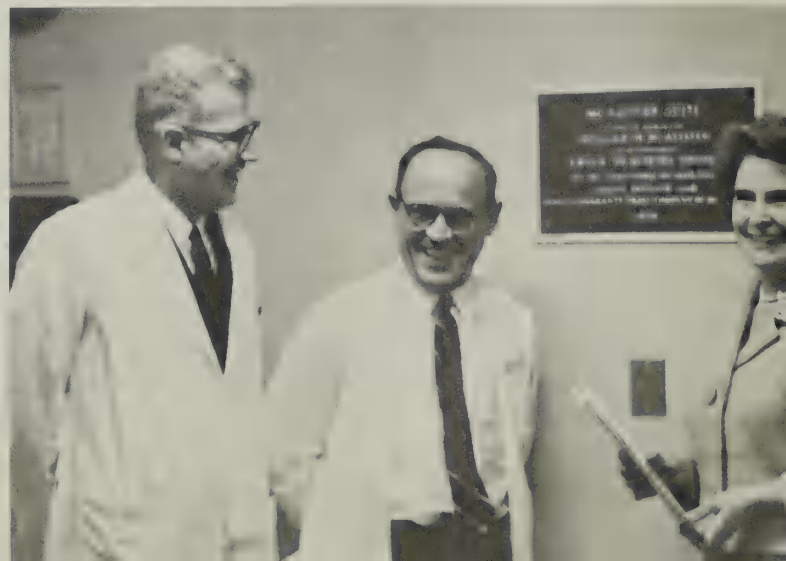
Shown in front of the McAlister plaque are Logan Fulrath, Executor of the McAlister estate, William McRitchie, Co-executor, Mrs. R. Peter Rose, President of the Board of Women Managers, General Lucius D. Clay, Chairman of the Medical Center Development Committee and Mrs. Casimir deRham, Co-Chairlady of the Babies Hospital Campaign Committee.



Demonstrating the operation of the light in one of the operating rooms in the new suite is Marilyn Larson, Head Nurse in Babies Operating Room. Looking on are Dr. James C. Overall, Jr., Assistant Resident in Pediatrics, Dr. Douglas S. Damrosch, Chairman of the Doctors' Committee for Babies Hospital and Dr. Thomas V. Santulli.



Viewing the proceedings with obvious pleasure are A. J. Binkert, Richard N. Kerst and Dean H. Houston Merritt.





## Salad Girl Mattie Johnson Retires



Miss Mattie P. Johnson, a salad girl in Food Service for 19 years, has retired. She leaves February 13 on a cruise to the Caribbean and will seek part time employment upon her return.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, Miss Johnson is very active in activities of the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church on 137th Street, which was the first church of this denomination in the United States.

## DRUCINDA'S REMARKABLE RECOVERY

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are encouraging industry to continue efforts to perfect flame retardant clothing in hopes that this will prove a major preventive measure to protect thousands of future burn victims.

### SHOULD CLOTHES IGNITE...

It has been estimated that from one to three thousand deaths a year result from clothing which is ignited. The figures for persons severely injured are much higher.

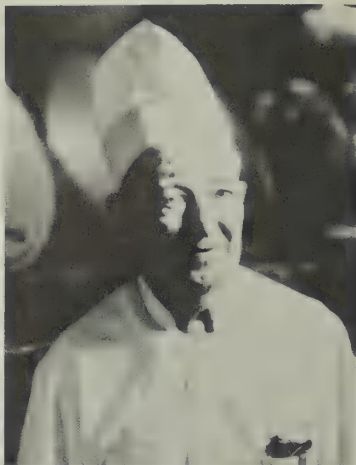
"At present, almost all clothing will burn, and it is important, if through some accident one's clothing is ignited, not to run and fan the flames, but to roll on the floor immediately. After the flame has been extinguished, it would be wise to submerge the material in water, since heat from the glow is greater than the heat from the flames," Dr. Crikela said.

### HOPES FOR PROGRESS

The subcommittee, which includes both surgeons and representatives of the textile industry, reported that major strides have been made since World War II in the development and merchandising of heavy materials which are flame retardant, such as tenting. However, materials which the committee feels should be made permanently flame retardant are night clothes for small children and the elderly and fancy dresses and robes for small girls and boys. The perfecting of an additive process to such lightweight material is very difficult to achieve.

### SEARCH FOR A PROCESS

As work progresses by industry and by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has pioneered in this effort, the committee hopes that an inexpensive permanent flame retardant process will be perfected and will be as commonplace as sanforized clothing.



Retiring Cook John Smart

## John's Planning A Smart Move

With close to a half century of cooking experience behind him, Presbyterian Hospital cook John Smart is rather looking forward to retirement.

"The only cooking I plan to do is for gatherings of my family at holidays and other special occasions," John said. "Then I think I'll restrict myself to preparing chicken fricassee."

John Smart began cooking as a teenager. He was born in North Shields, England, near the Scottish border, and went to sea when he was 14. Soon he was a ship's cook.

During his 10 years with the English and American Merchant Marine he had two ships torpedoed from under him, both by German submarines in World War I.

### WILL VISIT ENGLAND

Except for a few years during World War II when he was a machinist in a plant producing heavy naval guns, he always earned his living over a hot stove. He had 20 years of hospital cooking experience when he began his employment here in June, 1950.

Married for 39 years, he and his wife and five children and 10 grandchildren.

He has scheduled a trip to England, where he will visit for about two months with a sister, a brother and other relatives. Then he intends to return to his Bronx home and enjoy salt water fishing and following his favorite baseball team, the Yankees.

## HAVE YOU YOUR W-2?

Employees who have not received their withholding tax statement (W-2 form) from the hospital by Feb. 5 should check with the payroll office on the second floor of the Service Building.

Hans Arntsen, payroll supervisor, said all W-2 forms were mailed to the hospital's employees in January, but some were returned because of an incorrect address.

## Library Increases Non-Fiction Stock

Aiming for a well balanced collection that will meet the demands of all its borrowers, Milbank Library added more than 600 works of non-fiction to its shelves in 1964.

Librarian Barbara Martin said the non-fiction books acquired were primarily in the fields of sociology, fine arts, literature, travel, useful arts, science and biography.

Circulation during the year was more than 40,000, a figure which includes the loan of

26,180 books and magazines to 14,733 patients who requested reading matter.

Miss Martin expressed her appreciation specifically to the Women's Auxiliary of Neurological Institute for subscriptions to the Reader's Digest in four foreign languages; to the Women's Auxiliary of Presbyterian Hospital for the purchase of some much-needed library equipment; to Mrs. Howard C. Taylor, Jr., for the donation of a new bookcart, and to the library volunteers who served 4,465 hours during the year.

## Accidents: They're Funny Only On TV

People do the strangest things — and some of them can be dangerous. Proof of this is patent in the monthly summary of employee accidents regularly reviewed by the Employees' Safety Committee, in an attempt to reduce the injuries through accidents on the job.

The chair that wasn't there, a doorknob that threw someone when it came off in his hand, a ladder that collapsed or the hammer that hit the wrong nail may make comedy situations on TV, but they're not funny at all to the victim. And there are many victims of just these freak accidents as well as other more prosaic injuries every day here at the hospital.

A "believe it or not" incident on a recent report involved reckless driving of a delivery cart in the hospital tunnel!

The most common accidents, appearing again and again on the reports, involve puncture wounds. In an average month there are between 15 and 20 cuts, scratches or puncture wounds from carelessly handled sharp objects and the figure continues to grow despite efforts of the nursing and housekeeping departments to alert personnel to the dangers of the seemingly innocuous needle prick. Hepatitis and staph infections may be transmitted by this means. The careless handling of "sharps" as well as improper disposal can be the cause of much pain, suffering and loss of time.

The Safety Committee urges extra care in the handling and the disposal of injection needles, pins, broken glass and razor blades. Supervisors are asked to emphasize that "the easiest way is the safe way."

## Couple Creates Perpetual Scholarship at P&S

The College of Physicians and Surgeons has received an \$80,000 scholarship grant from a Manhattan businessman and his wife who fear that medicine is losing the nation's best scholars to other sciences.

The money was given to P&S by The Lucien and Ethel Brownstone Foundation. Income from the endowment will provide a perpetual four-year scholarship totalling about \$16,000 at the school.

At the same time, the Foun-

dation announced that similar \$80,000 grants went to three other medical schools in New York City: New York University School of Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University, and Cornell University Medical College.

### P&S TO NAME SCHOLAR

The \$320,000 to the four schools creates the first American Merit Medical Scholarship Program. P&S will name its

## The Tooth, The Whole Tooth...

Dr. Jack Budowsky of the dental faculty is curious about the incidence of teeth in newborn infants after being called to extract a tooth from the lower jaw of a five day old boy at Sloane Hospital.

Such teeth are not firmly attached and, to avoid the risk of having them swallowed by the baby, are normally removed.

In this case, according to Dr. Budowsky, extraction was especially desired because the baby was nursing.

He said this was the third infant he's seen with a tooth in two years.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The most famous person reported to have entered the world equipped with teeth was Louis XIV of France, born in 1638 with two teeth.

## Telephone Operator Ruth Morgan Retires; She'll Live in Florida

Telephone operator Ruth Morgan, a hospital employee for seven and a half years, retired Jan. 25.

A widow, Mrs. Morgan will make her home with her 85-year-old mother in Florida. They own a house at Lehigh Acres, near Fort Myers on Florida's west coast.

Mrs. Morgan obtained her first job as a telephone operator in 1918 in Jersey City and worked in this line for about 35 years, taking time out to have and raise her three children.

Retirement, she hopes, will give her more time for her hobbies: swimming, sewing, flower gardening, and spoiling her 13 grandchildren.



Mrs. Ruth Morgan





Mrs. Edward B. Self

## Trip To Islands Awaits Winner Of Benefit Raffle

A trip for two to sunny Puerto Rico, plus accommodations for a week at San Juan's plush Americana Hotel, is the top prize in this year's benefit raffle for the Student Nurse Scholarship Fund.

Tickets will be available soon from nursing personnel and the drawing for the trip and many other exciting prizes will take place April 28 during the annual student nurse benefit card party in Maxwell Hall.

During the past six years, proceeds from the raffle and card party have helped finance the education of at least 20 of our student nurses annually.

The Puerto Rico trip is being offered through the courtesy of the Loew's Hotels. It must be taken between June 1 and Dec. 15.

### OTHER ENTICING PRIZES

An autumn haze mink stole, donated by Exclusive Fur Shop of Yonkers, is another enticing prize in the raffle.

Ticket buyers will also be competing for a silver coffee service, a gift of Michael C. Fina Co.; a \$100 B. Altman gift certificate, donated by Mrs. Herbert O. Allen; an item of Steuben glass, donated by Steuben's; a handmade afghan, donated by Mrs. William A. Roulston, and a Timex waterproof watch, donated by Melvin E. Winn.

A mink collared cashmere sweater, a Kodak Escort 8 movie camera and two pieces of matched luggage for men have been made available by the many persons who gave trading stamps to the Nursing Department. (The stamps contributed, dozens of books of them, were redeemed for these three wonderful prizes.)

Honorary chairman for this year's benefit card party is Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Honorary sponsors are Mrs. Van Alan Clark, Mrs. Grayson L. Kirk, Mrs. H. Houston Merritt and Miss Helen Young.

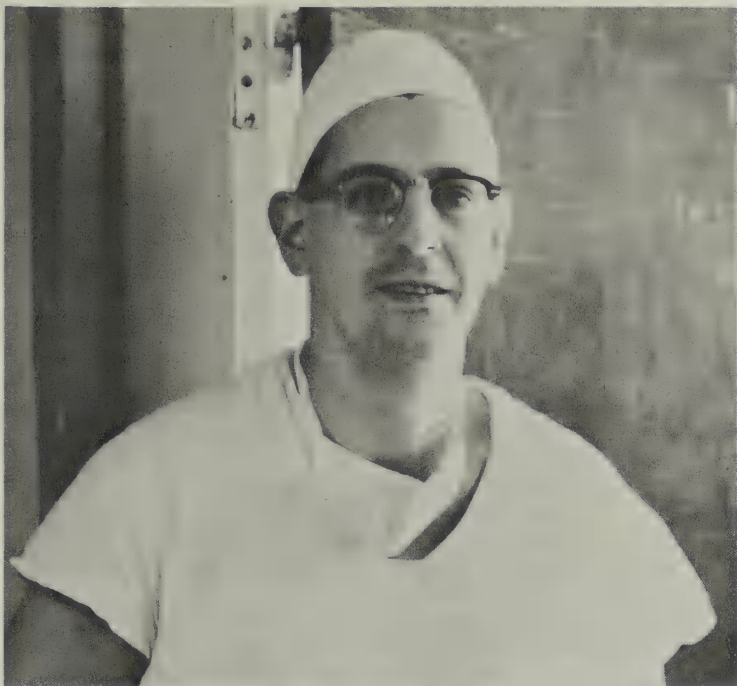
# Profile: Dr. Jack Blechner, Obstetrics and Gynecology

## HE WOULDN'T CHANGE JOBS WITH ANYONE

As chief resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Jack N. Blechner is one of the busiest physicians in the hospital. Some nights he doesn't manage a wink of sleep. But he wouldn't change jobs with anyone.

"It is personally gratifying for me to help bring a baby, a new life into the world," he said. "And it is a pleasure to work with patients who, generally, are pleased to be in a hospital. I wouldn't want to be in any other specialty."

For Dr. Blechner, 32, there has been much personal gratification during his long (five years) residency at the Sloane Hospital for Women. He has delivered, personally, more than 750 babies to ward patients and assisted, or otherwise been present, during perhaps 250 more moments of birth.



A MOMENT OF PERSONAL SATISFACTION

Dr. Jack Blechner relaxes briefly after bringing a new life into the world

The son of a Bronx plumber, he had made up his mind, as far back as he can remember, to be a physician, an ambition which his family encouraged. As a first step toward his goal, he attended the highly-regarded Bronx High School of Science, graduating in 1950.

Aided financially by a New York State Scholarship, he then attended Columbia University, where he was an oars-

man on the freshman and junior varsity crews and a reporter on the Columbia Spectator, the university's daily newspaper.

At the conclusion of his junior year at Columbia, he transferred to Yale Medical School. There he earned his M.D. degree in 1957.

After a year's internship in medicine at Bronx Municipal Hospital (1957-58), his interest in fetal physiology brought him back to Yale Medical School as a research fellow of The Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation of New York.

He published some eight papers during two years at Yale, on topics such as the acid-base balance in mother and fetus; salt concentrations in red cells of the fetus; means by which fetal blood absorbs oxygen from the mother's blood, and aspects of how the fetus obtains blood sugars required for life and growth.

### CAME HERE IN 1960

Impressed by the reputation of the Medical Center's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and further motivated by the opportunities here for developing his interest in

fetal physiology, Dr. Blechner came to Sloane Hospital as an assistant resident in July 1960.

He served three years in this capacity, then elected to stay on for an additional two years of residency. The education and experience he acquired during this period, he feels, would be difficult to duplicate at any other institution.

For example, during last year, his fourth of residency, he served four months in surgical gynecology, then for four months returned to Yale for research into the method by which anesthetic gas passes from mother to fetus, and what effect this has on circulation of the blood of the fetus, then was back here for four months as obstetrical resident in charge of the ward obstetrical service.

The position of chief resident in his specialty is a very demanding one. He is responsible for the management of the wards of Sloane Hospital and for the care of all gynecologic ward patients. He performs an average of 10 major gynecologic operations weekly and is responsible for instructing junior residents in surgical procedure.

He is the resident on duty every third night and every third weekend, times during which he must handle all emergencies on the wards, as well as new obstetrical or gynecological cases brought in through emergency admitting.

### NIGHTS, WEEKEND TOO

He is also responsible for teaching conferences (grand rounds for other residents and 4th year medical students) and for setting up duty schedules for the other residents on the service.

Dr. Blechner is married to the former Barbara Blumstein of Drexel Hill, Pa., a graduate of Barnard College who earned a master's degree in Education in a Ford Foundation program at Goucher College, Baltimore. For a time she taught in a school for handicapped children.

The Blechners have two sons, both born in Sloane Hospital: Mark, 4, who attends the Medical Center Nursery School, and Steven, 1½.

For leisure activities, Dr. Blechner enjoys camping with his family—and working out complicated mathematical problems.

In March, his long residency here completed, he will go to the University of Florida in Gainesville as assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology.

## Spring Art Show Set for May 3-14

Spring cannot be far behind—and neither is the Art Show!

Interested exhibitors are urged to make ready their entries for the 15th Annual Arts, Photography and Crafts Exhibition, scheduled for May 3-14 in the Library Annex on the 20th Floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., Art Committee Chairman, invites all members of the Medical Center staff and personnel and Volunteers to participate in this display.

## Mrs. Lorenzo Plans Retirement Trip To Puerto Rico

Mrs. Esperanza Lorenzo, a nursing aide on Harkness 11 who returned to caring for patients after her husband's death, retired Feb. 1.

Born in Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico, a member of a family that includes a number of lawyers, teachers and physicians, Mrs. Lorenzo came to the United States at age 18 to study nursing. She was graduated from the Meadville (Pa.) City Hospital School of Nursing in 1921.

She didn't put her nursing education to work at that time however. Cupid stepped into her life and she was married.

Mrs. Lorenzo, a widow, came to work at Harkness Pavilion on July 10, 1959. "It was a rewarding experience," she said, "to fulfill my life's ambition, here at Harkness. I thank the Staff and my co-workers for helping me again realize, after so many years of absence, the importance of nursing. This has been an experience I will always remember and cherish."



Esperanza Lorenzo

In retirement she intends to devote more time to her hobbies, sewing and crocheting, and to enjoy her 10 grandchildren. She also plans a trip to Puerto Rico to visit her sister and other relatives still residing there.



# Volunteers Set Record For 135,037 Hours in '64

For the third consecutive year, dedicated members of the Volunteer Department have established a new record for service.

During 1964, a total of 1,077 volunteers contributed 135,037 work-hours to various units of the Medical Center. This exceeds by 5,274 hours the previous high mark, set last year, according to Mrs. Marguerite Stein, director of volunteers.

A check of existing statistics suggests that the work-hour total chalked up by our volunteers in 1964 is a record not only for The Presbyterian Hospital but also for voluntary hospitals in the United States.

In compiling its impressive record during the past year, the Volunteer Department also registered a new single-month standard. A total of 15,097 work-hours went on the books for July, a figure that surpasses the previous one-month record, set in July 1963, by 409 hours.

Shattering records is nothing new to the department. Five years ago, in 1960, our volunteer workers served 117,946 hours. In 1962 they raised the standard to 118,558 hours and elevated it again in 1963 to 129,763 hours.

Mrs. Stein, formerly the Hospital's tour hostess, has directed the activities of the Volunteer Department since July 1, 1962.



MRS. MARGUERITE STEIN  
Director of Volunteers

She succeeded Laura M. Vossler, who retired after 10 years as director. Miss Vossler had spurred the department to a remarkable decade of growth, increasing the annual total of work hours from 57,029 in 1952 to 109,782 in her final year.

## Surgical Suite

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tional modernization planned for Babies Hospital.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, chairman of the Development Committee, and August Belmont, chairman of the Babies Campaign, both urged everyone connected with and interested in Babies Hospital to participate actively in the Babies Campaign. The \$5,000,000 will be used for expansion and renovation of the hospital.

### NEW FACILITIES

The new suite includes two anesthesia rooms, two operating rooms, a recovery room which can accommodate six patients, and an intensive care unit for five patients.

The intensive care unit is now in use, and it is expected that the operating suite will be in operation by the beginning of February.

Dr. Thomas V. Santulli, Chief of the Pediatric Surgical Service, explained that the principal advantage of the new suite is that it is equipped for surgery and post-operative care.

"Each of the operating rooms has its own thermostatic control, and when necessary, it will be possible to raise the room temperature in either of them to any desired level."

This innovation is prima-

rily for the welfare of premature and newborn infants who require surgery.

"The newborn as well as the premature infant is very sensitive to slight decreases in warmth. If the temperature isn't kept high enough, these infants very quickly develop respiratory depression," Dr. Santulli added.

New facilities in the recovery room include built in monitoring equipment. The most modern resuscitation equipment, and emergency trays are also built in for each bed. Comparable provisions have been made for each bed in the intensive care unit.

### SLIDING WALL

In addition, there is a sliding wall in the recovery room which can be used to separate a section of the recovery room adjacent to the intensive care unit. This will be used whenever it is necessary to isolate one of the patients in the recovery room.

Pediatric Surgery has been performed in operating rooms G and H on the Presbyterian Hospital eighteenth floor while construction on the ninth floor of Babies replaced the former surgical area with the new McAlister Suite.

"It will be a busy place when it gets into operation," Dr. Santulli said, adding "we perform over 2,000 pediatric operations a year in Babies Hospital."

## SISTER MARY

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was deemed impractical for her to commute from the nearest available convent quarters and be on hand for an 8 a.m. daily schedule of classes. For this reason a small apartment in the student nurses' residence was made available to her.

Both from an educational and a practical standpoint her stay here is a new experience, Sister tells.

"I cook for myself and keep my apartment, which is really a challenge. In the convent there are Sisters who cook for the community. I certainly have acquired new respect for their problems since I'm on my own."

### RECEIVED GRANT

Sister Finbarr is a member of the teaching and nursing Order of the Sisters of the Holy Humility of Mary. She is Supervisor in Maternity at the 600-bed St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio, and the first member of her order to be enrolled in the Nurse-Midwifery Program, for which she received a grant from the Ohio Department of Health.

One of four candidates in this year's class, she expects to complete the eleven month course in August, when she will receive an M.S. degree in Maternity Nursing from Columbia and a certificate in Nurse-Midwifery from the Maternity Center. Columbia is one of three universities in the country offering this program.

### WILL TEACH

The experience gained here will be used in the furtherance of a parent education program in her hospital and also for in-service training of professional nurses, Sister explained. Her special interests are psychology and physiology courses in obstetrical nursing and she is very impressed with the outstanding objectivity of the instructors and the students in the program.

"The honesty of opinions, even in controversial areas, is most enlightening," she says.

The demands of the program, which involves daily classes as well as clinical nursing experience on the obstetrical floors and in the clinic, have kept Sister so busy that she has as yet found no time to explore the cultural and educational attractions in Manhattan.

"I certainly hope to see more of the City before I go home. The Sisters at home will be curious to hear my impressions of New York and I can't disappoint them."

Sister Finbarr observed that the outstanding impression she'll take back with her is of the wonderful spirit

## DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS



WILLIAM BLACK MEDICAL RESEARCH BUILDING, 1965

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and modernization of the existing building has already begun. Work will begin soon on the rehabilitation of labs, classrooms and lecture halls at the medical school.

Other new structures in the planning stage include a centralized radiotherapy building, the Augustus Long Medical Library at the medical school, a Doctors' Office Building, and a residence for married students, interns, residents and research physicians.

Reconstruction of the second and fourth floors of Presbyterian Hospital will add substantially to the bed capacity.

The Development Program is the most ambitious and exciting project conceived and launched here since the construction of the Medical Center in the late 1920's.

Under the leadership of Development Committee Chairman, Gen. Lucius D. Clay, \$45,000,000 has been raised to date in the Development Program.

## New Benefits

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2. Minimum benefits have been improved by counting service up to 35 years, instead of up to only 20 years, as was previously the case. The minimum benefit will continue to be based on the average of an employee's five highest consecutive years of earnings.

3. Vesting provisions of the Group Retirement Plan have been improved for employees with 20 years of continuous service, so that such an em-

ployee at age 45 is assured of retirement benefits. Moreover, the minimum benefits apply to employees electing an early retirement (on or after age 55). In addition, employees over age 55 who become permanently and totally disabled will be eligible for benefits under the plan, regardless of their length of service.

The Personnel Department is currently preparing a booklet which will contain details of the new revision. The booklet will be distributed to all staff and personnel.

Mr. Binkert added that this latest improvement in the Group Retirement Plan is "another step forward in maintaining an excellent personnel benefit program."

among the staff and personnel here and their excellent relationship with the patients.





# The Stethoscope

NEWS of the COLUMBIA-PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER

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## Surgical Success Proves Once Fatal Heart Defect Is No Longer Hopeless

Almost five years ago, cardiac surgery was performed at Presbyterian Hospital to "buy time" for a desperately ill infant.

The eight-month-old baby boy was suffering from a congenital heart defect known as transposition of the great vessels, an anomaly which if untreated is 80 to 90 per cent fatal within the first year of a victim's life.

Since no total correction was then possible, the surgeon carried out a palliative procedure, which alleviated the immediate threat to the baby's life.

A defect was created within the patient's tiny heart, permitting better mixing of blood and assuring the baby of a chance to grow and develop.

### THE CALCULATED RISK PAYS OFF

Most important, the temporary measure gave the infant additional years of life during which fast moving modern medical science could perfect a surgical procedure which would totally correct his anomaly.

On February 4 of this year, the calculated risk taken in 1960 paid off.

Cardiac surgeons here employed a new surgical technique: operating within the boy's heart, they created from a piece of pericardium (the sac surrounding the heart) a baffle or tube which rerouted the blood to normal channels.

This resulted in proper circulation of oxygenated blood for the first time.

The operation which gave him a sure grip on life wasn't even conceived of when the boy, Timothy Sullivan of Yonkers, N. Y., was born Sept. 26, 1959. To date, it has been performed less than two dozen times in this country and never before successfully in the Greater New York area.



Three days after his rare open heart surgery, little Timmy Sullivan plays with toy, Fritz, in Cardiac Recovery Room here.

Timmy came into the world at the seemingly robust weight of 8 pounds 11 ounces. As long as he was in the womb and nourished by his mother's blood, he thrived very well. After his birth, however, the serious defect within his heart soon became apparent.

The Sullivans' family doctor referred Timmy to cardiovascular specialists at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center when the boy was only four months of age.

### 2,000 DEATHS ANNUALLY

His problem was readily diagnosed as transposition of the great vessels. This is a complicated and usually fatal defect which causes the heart to maintain two separate circulatory circuits, neither of which performs the life-nurturing task which nature intended. It is believed to cause death in some 2,000 infants annually.

In Timmy's case, the right

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## UNIT WILL TRIPLE CAPACITY FOR RADIOTHERAPY TREATMENT

Work has started at Presbyterian Hospital on the construction of a new radiotherapy center which will provide the most modern and efficient facilities for the many patients who require this type of treatment.

Dr. William B. Seaman, Director of Radiology, announced that the new center, which will cost an estimated \$1,500,000, will triple the hospital's capacity for radiotherapy treatments. In addition, the unit, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year, will permit more effective utilization of both staff and facilities because of the centralization.



DR. WILLIAM B. SEAMAN

"While the demand for this type care is greater than our ability to provide, it would be impossible, without additional space and personnel, for us to do more in satisfying the needs for radiotherapy," Dr. Seaman explained.

Dr. Seaman said that \$872,408 has already been raised for the center from the United States Public Health Service Hill Burton grant and private sources through the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Campaign.

The modern center will centralize facilities for radiotherapy, now located in five different sections of the hospital. In addition to assuring better and more accessible facilities for patients, it will permit more economical and effective use of time and skill in opera-

tion, and will improve the facilities available for the educational program in radiotherapy for the house staff.

The new unit will include the most modern of treatment rooms; a pleasant reception room and waiting room; dressing and examining rooms; offices for the administrative and clerical staffs, and storage facilities.

### MUCH NEW EQUIPMENT

New equipment for the center, which will be constructed in the area between the Betatron Building and Babies Hospital, will include a Linear Accelerator (six to eight million volts) and a Cobalt Machine (equivalent to two million volts) as the chief supervoltage machines. These will supplement the work of the presently installed twenty-four million volt Betatron. The Betatron will be relocated into the new area.

The versatility of these three high voltage units will enable doctors to plan treatment around each individual patient's particular needs. The new Linear Accelerator per-

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## REMINISCENCES OF PIONEER M.D.'s BEING TAPED HERE

A medical library of videotaped interviews with noted doctors is being produced in a special television laboratory at New York State Psychiatric Institute, located at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Already on video-tape are four hour-long reminiscences by important pioneers in the field of psychiatry. Six more interviews are scheduled for taping during the next six months.

Directing the program, on a spare time basis, is Dr. James H. Ryan, assistant attending psychiatrist at Vanderbilt Clinic and instructor in psychiatry at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Ryan said he believes

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## Ray Was Better Than Perfect, But Perfect Game Got Away

If you want to know how it's possible to be better than perfect, yet not achieve perfection, ask Ray Laureano.

A 21-year-old clerk in the X-ray room of Neurological Institute, Ray found an answer to this perplexing riddle one recent night while bowling at Stadium Lanes in The Bronx.

Any ambitious bowler will admit that his fondest dream is to bowl a perfect game, a rare feat accomplished by rolling 12 consecutive strikes. If this is done in a single game (consisting of 10 frames) the result is a score of 300—bowling perfection.

During Ray's night of brilliance—and frustration—he threw an incredible total of 14 strikes in a row. This performance won him four trophies and plaques but, as Fate would have it, not a perfect game.

This is how it happened.

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RAY LAUREANO ■ HIS TROPHY



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## STETHOSCOPIA

### ● BRIDAL MARCH

The Marriage of *Dr. Ian Van Praagh*, assistant obstetrician and gynecologist, Vanderbilt Clinic, and Miss Felicia Delafield took place recently. Mrs. Van Praagh is director of Social Service at St. Luke's Hospital.

*Dr. Geraldine Poppa*, resident in medicine, was married to Dr. Alan Neil Schechter, a resident at the Bronx Municipal Hospital, in a ceremony at the Men's Faculty Club, Columbia University.

*Penelope Esten Post*, Class of 1963 at the Nursing School, was married to Dr. Robert Donald Lewis, a surgical interne at Roosevelt Hospital.

*Dorcas O. Cummings*, formerly a secretary in Pediatrics, became the bride of Thomas Nash Cochran on February 20.

*Cleo Requisis*, technician in Harkness Clinical Pathology Laboratory, married Mr. James T. Day. The couple made a trip to Jamaica and Aruba.

*Evelyn Frezzell*, floor clerk on PH 8, was a Valentines Day bride. She married Mr. Ainsley Hind, who is with the Merchant Marine Service.

### ■ THEY'LL SOON BE WED

*Donna Miller*, Social Service, has announced her engagement to Joseph Terdiman, a fourth year medical student at Bellevue.

*Nancy McDowell*, student in Social Work, is engaged to James Winter, who teaches Physics in a Lexington, Mass. high school.

### ■ VACATIONER

*Mrs. Ruth Bogan*, Blood Bank Supervisor, has just returned from a trip to Arizona where she visited her son.

### ■ SPEAKER

*Jean Collard*, associate director of Social Service, Neurological Institute, spoke to the supervisors of students of the Richmond Professional Institute recently on "Aspects of Dependency, Social and Biological." The meeting, held as part of the school's program, was made possible by a grant from the Neurological and Sensory Disease Program, Division of Chronic Diseases, U. S. Public Health Service.

### ■ PROMOTIONS

*Jill Lundgren*, has been made supervisor in the PH Operating Room.

## HOSPITAL TO RECEIVE \$88,854 THROUGH U.H.F. TEAM EFFORTS

Six teams (186 workers) representing the various units of the Medical Center in the 1964-65 campaign for the United Hospital Fund reported 2,442 gifts totaling \$211,823.69 by January 31, end of the drive's direct benefit phase.

As a result of their fund raising activities, \$88,853.69 will go to the Medical Center as a direct benefit. (Under the "direct benefit" quota system, money raised by Jan. 31 in excess of a set amount—this year \$122,970—reverts directly to the Medical Center).

Accomplishments by each team were as follows:

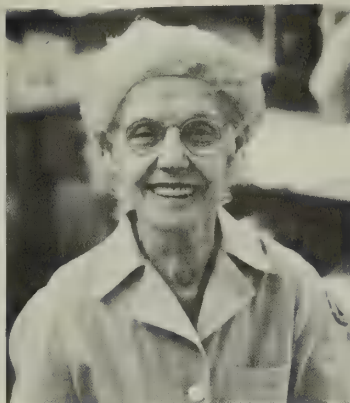
**MEN'S TEAMS:** Trustees, James W. Foley, chairman, \$81,893.73; Joint Professional Staff, Dr. Henry S. F. Cooper, chairman, \$6,600.

**WOMEN'S TEAMS:** Presbyterian Hospital, Mrs. C. Redington Barrett and Mrs. Ralph Boots, group leaders, \$25,491.14; Neurological Institute, Mrs. Charles E. Adams and Mrs. H. McLeod Riggins, group leaders, \$25,644.41; New York Orthopaedic Hospital, Mrs. Robert E. Carroll, group leader, \$40,332.57, and Babies Hospital, Mrs. Robert H. Burrows, group leader, \$31,861.84.

Other contributions were received through the end of February, although they are not included in the direct benefit phase of the campaign.

## In Memoriam

MISS MAUD MUSGRAVE



Held Record for Volunteers

Miss Maud Musgrave, who recorded an unprecedented total of 20,201 work-hours as a Presbyterian Hospital volunteer, died February 17 at St. Luke's Hospital. She was 86 years old.

Described as "very dedicated" by her co-workers in Sterile Supply, Miss Musgrave had served the Medical Center as a volunteer since April 9, 1951.

The 20,000-plus hours she contributed is an amount equivalent to 10 years of full-time work. This is believed to be a record of service unmatched by any other volunteer in this hospital's history.

Despite her years, Miss Musgrave was a tireless worker. "Maudie works six hours a day, six days a week," an associate once commented. "She never even sits down, just works all day long."

### "LITTLE BIRD"

Because of her energy, her gentle disposition and her tiny size (she was less than five feet tall and slender), Miss Musgrave was affectionately called "The Little Bird" by a number of her Medical Center friends.

She often said she enjoyed working in a hospital environment, "helping people who need help." Before coming here as a volunteer, she had been employed for a number of years in the Dietary Department at St. Luke's Hospital.

She was interred in the Musgrave family plot in Danielson, Conn.

MISS ANNE E. HEALY

Miss Anne E. Healy, chief dietitian at The Presbyterian Hospital, died February 12 in her apartment at Harkness Hall.

Born in Williamstown, a small community close to Lake Ontario in northwest New York, she was a graduate of Syracuse University and was a student dietitian at Bellevue Hospital.

On Oct. 10, 1927, she went to work at Sloane Hospital for Women, then located on West

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## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

DR. HOWARD C. TAYLOR, JR., Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and DR. DAVID B. MOORE, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, are co-authors, of the chapter on The Pregnancy Problem in the newly published book "Dysplasia, Carcinoma In Situ and Micro-Invasive Carcinoma of the Cervix Uteri," compiled by Dr. L. A. Gray, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at University of Louisville School of Medicine.



DR. EDWARD C. CURNEN, JR., Director of Pediatrics, was a discussor on Thrombocytopenic and other manifestations contracted in utero, at a recent meeting of the Section on Micro and Molecular Biology at the Academy of Medicine.

DR. GRAHAM CLARK, Associate Attending Ophthalmologist, discussed Surgical treatment of diabetic retinopathy at the February meeting of the Section on Ophthalmology.



DR. DONALD MCKAY, Director of Pathology, was chairman of the Combined Meeting at P&S of the New York Pathological Society with the Department of Pathology, at which papers were presented by DR. RAYMOND A. MCBRIDE, Assistant Attending Pathologist, and JOSEPH WIENER, Assistant Attending Pathologist; a slide seminar on Mediastinal Tumors was presented by DR. RAFFAELE LATTES, Attending Surgical Pathologist.

DR. DAVID SCHACHTER, Associate Attending Physician, took part in The Nathan Rosenthal Hematology Seminar recently, speaking on "Iron Absorption."

DRS. JOHN G. GORMAN, Director of Blood Bank, and VINCENT FREDA, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, spoke on "Recent Advances in the Management of the Rh-incompatible Pregnancy," at the recent meeting of the Section on Obstetrics and Gynecology.

DR. ROBERT E. CARROLL, Attending Orthopedic Surgeon, discussed Hand Surgery on the "Doctors Today" program of the New York County Medical Society on CBS-TV, February 27. This is a weekly program at 2 p.m. Saturdays.

DR. A. DAVID GUREWITSCH, Attending Physician, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, attended the meeting of the World Federation of United Nations Association recently held in New Delhi, India. He is a member of the Delegation of the American Association for the United Nations.



DRS. CUSHMAN D. HAAGEN-SEN, Attending Surgeon, MILTON R. PORTER, Attending Surgeon, RAFAELE LATTES, Attending Surgical Pathologist, and MAURICE LENZ, Consultant in Radiology, will go to the Middle East to lecture on cancer under the auspices of the State Department. They will make a two month tour of Lebanon, Iran, Turkey, Greece and Israel and expect to leave at the end of March.

DR. ROBERT M. DAY, Associate Attending Ophthalmologist, recently lectured on "Ocular Changes Associated with Graves' Disease," to the residents at Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

DR. ARTHUR GERARD DEVOE, Director of Ophthalmology, took part in a symposium at a meeting of the Academy of Ophthalmology in New Orleans, La. His paper was "Non-Surgical Treatment of Tumors of the Ocular Adnexa."

DR. WILLIAM F. CAVENESS, Associate Attending Neurologist, has been appointed associate director of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness of the NIH at Bethesda, Md. He will be responsible for the Institute's program in biometrics and epidemiology and for various collaborative and field re-

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## Pierpont V. Davis, Honorary Trustee, Dies In 81st Year



PIERPONT Van D. DAVIS

Pierpont Van Derveer Davis, who had served The Presbyterian Hospital for almost a quarter of a century as corporation member, trustee and honorary trustee, died February 5 at Beaver Hill, his home near Ossining, N. Y. He was 80 years old.

### RAILROAD EXPERT

One of the nation's foremost authorities on the financial problems of railroads, he was honorary president of the investment banking firm of Harriman Ripley & Co. During the 1930's he was a member of bondholders protective committees for such railroads as Florida East Coast, Seaboard Air Line and St. Louis-San Francisco. At various times he was a director of a number of other railroads.

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEADER

He was also one of America's leading Episcopal laymen, having served as president of the Episcopal Church Foundation, trustee of the General Theological Seminary, vestryman and senior warden of St. Mary's Church, Scarborough-Hudson, and vestryman of Trinity Church, New York City.

Born Feb. 17, 1884 in Elizabeth, N. J., he entered Yale to prepare himself for a career in medicine. He changed his mind, however, and after graduation in 1905 entered the banking field, first with the New York Stock Exchange firm of Plympton, Gardiner & Co.

He resigned in 1916 to join the National City Company, an affiliate of the then National City Bank. He served as vice president of the company until it was dissolved in 1934, then assisted in the for-

## Profile: Dr. George P. Hoech, Jr., Anesthesiology

### DYNAMIC SPECIALTY, DETERMINED MAN

Maybe there's something in the air down there in Missouri, the "Show Me" state, that makes its men so determined. Consider the resoluteness of Missourian Harry S. Truman, for instance. Or, for another example, take George Hoech...

As a teenager George P. Hoech, Jr., son of a Missouri Baptist minister, came across a liberally illustrated magazine article on the life of a medical student.

#### STARTLING TEST RESULTS

The story, he said, whetted his interest. The interest grew and strengthened into determination: he was going to be a doctor.

So determined was he in his ambition that he was unswayed by the rather startling results of aptitude tests he took upon entering college.

"Those tests indicated that I had absolutely no leanings toward a medical career," he admits. "But my mind was made up. I ignored them."

Taking a confident step toward his goal, he majored in chemistry at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.—even worked as a lab assistant in the Chemistry Department. That is, he was in the lab whenever he wasn't pumping gas at a filling station, playing baritone horn in the college band or working as a general handy man to earn his room and board. Apparently he still found time to study, for he was elected to Acons, the senior men's honorary society.

After receiving a bachelor of arts degree in 1954, George Hoech deviated slightly from his announced course. He joined the Army for a two-year hitch as an enlisted man and was assigned to Camp

Chaffee, Ark. There he was tutored in the peculiarly non-medical skills required of a cannoneer on a 105mm howitzer team.

He wasn't a cannoneer long, however. Transferred to Germany and the 74th Field Artillery Battalion (stationed near Stuttgart), he was able to get assigned to the unit's medical detachment. And, before his discharge in June, 1956, he had been accepted at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo.

Three very important things happened to George Hoech in medical school. He married (June '58) Joyce Edson, daughter of his college chem-

hospital administration and other residents on the Anesthesiology Service.

Most of his time, however, is spent in the Neurological Clinical Research unit on the 11th floor of Neurological Institute. Under the sponsorship of Francis C. G. Hoskin, Ph.D., assistant professor of Neurology, he is studying the effects of inhalation anesthetics on tissues, *in vitro*.

This research, he hopes, may ultimately result in a better understanding of the effect of anesthetics on various human organs.

The Anesthesia Service of Presbyterian Hospital, regarded as one of the largest

The muscle-relaxant drugs he singles out as being very effective are d-tubocurarine and the newer succinylcholine, neuromuscular blocking agents which produce such relaxation in a patient that it is no longer necessary to resort to deep planes of anesthesia to adequately prepare patients for surgery.

#### SOME MAJOR ADVANCES

Dr. Hoech considers halothane, a fluorinated hydrocarbon, to be "one of the major advances in anesthesia." Halothane, he said, is "a potent, non-explosive, quick to sleep and quick to awaken anesthetic. Since its introduction in the 1950's, over ten million halothane anesthetics have been administered."

On the topic of quantitative care he said: "An increasing practice in anesthesiology is that of applying quantitative measurements of Physiologic Parameters (such as pH, pCO<sub>2</sub>, and oxygen saturation) to patients receiving anesthesia."

This is a specialty in which applied basic sciences, such as physiology and pharmacology, are utilized routinely to insure that a patient's physiologic functions are altered as slightly as possible by the stresses of surgery and anesthesia."

The growth of the specialty, he adds, has brought about many excellent residency programs, such as the one here at the Medical Center, which provide young doctors with the skills and knowledge demanded in this exacting field.

#### THEY'RE MANHATTANITES

Dr. Hoech and his family make their home in Manhattan, near the Medical Center. He and his wife have two youngsters, both born here at Sloane Hospital. Bryan George is 3; Lisa Edson, born on Christmas Day 1963, is 14 months.

And for a man whose aptitude tests as an undergraduate revealed no leanings toward medicine, he is doing remarkably well in his career. In July he will join the attending staff in our Department of Anesthesiology.



During an informal briefing, Dr. George P. Hoech, Jr. discusses anesthetic management of a surgical patient with a young woman resident in Anesthesiology.

istry professor. He decided to specialize in anesthesiology. He earned the right (May '60) to write M.D. after his name.

Dr. Hoech (it rhymes with rake) interned for a year at Jewish Hospital of St. Louis, then in July 1961 came here as an assistant resident in Anesthesiology. Two years later, his formal residency completed, he became a fellow in the Department, assuming as well the duties of chief resident.

These particular responsibilities involve, primarily, work as a liaison man between the

and most prestigious in the world, achieved independent departmental status just 13 years ago, on Jan. 1, 1952. It was the third of the 87 medical school sections of anesthesia in the United States to achieve such independent status.

Dr. Hoech believes that the most important recent advances in this dynamic young specialty have been the introduction of muscle-relaxant drugs and safe, potent, quick-acting anesthetics, improved quantitative care of patients receiving anesthesia, and the growth of anesthesiology as a specialty.

Funeral services for Mr. Davis were held Feb. 9 in St. Mary's Church, Scarborough-Hudson.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Phoebe Lee Prout Davis, and two daughters, Mrs. B. F. Eshleman, II, of Villanova, Pa., and Mrs. C. W. A. Pennock of Princeton, N. J.

## Volunteer Tea is April 29

The 1965 Volunteer Awards Tea, held annually as a tribute to Presbyterian Hospital's voluntary workers, has been scheduled for April 29. Tea will be served at 4 p.m., followed by presentation of awards. Further details will appear in subsequent issues of *Stethoscope*.



# NEW RADIOTHERAPY CENTER STARTED



Above is an architect's rendering of the building which will house part of the new Radiotherapy Center adjacent to Babies Hospital.

## NEW CENTER

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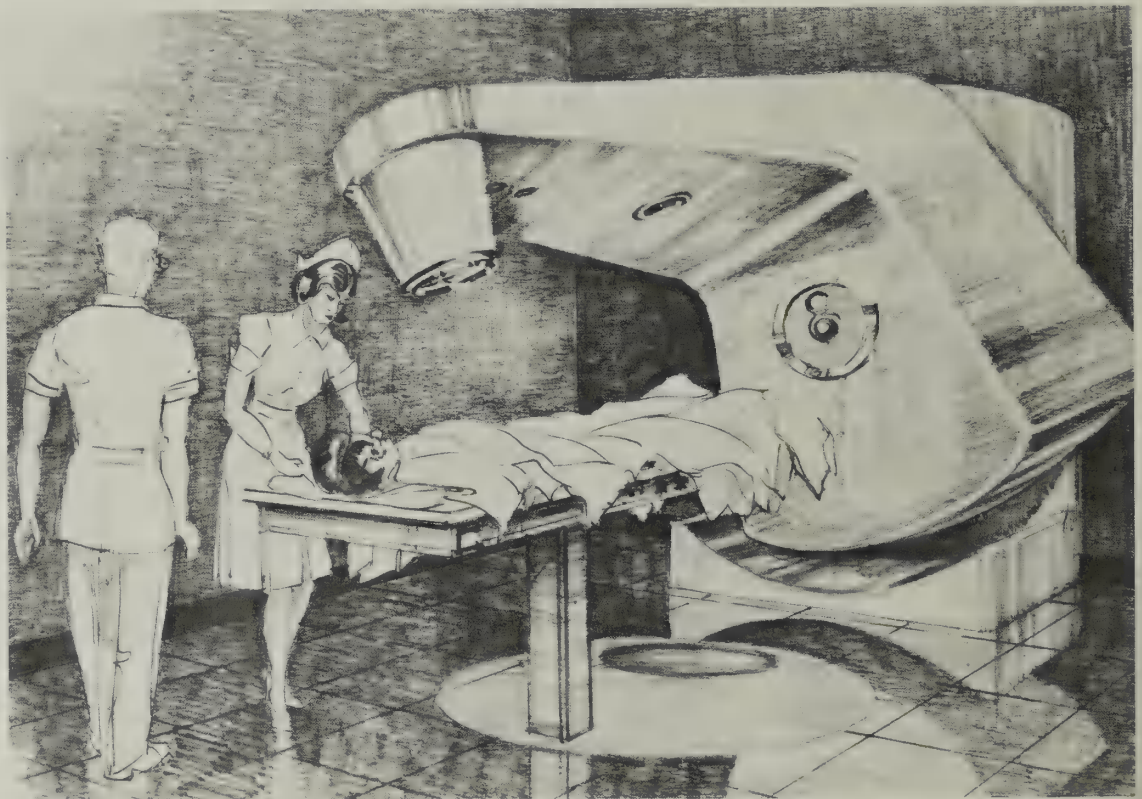
mits shorter treatment as well as making it possible to use either an x-ray beam or electron beam. The latter is found more suitable for tumors close to the surface of the skin, since it penetrates less than x-ray.

These new machines will not only provide greater flexibility for radiotherapy treatment, but will also relieve the increasing demands upon the Betatron, which is one of nine such units throughout the United States.

"Radiology is a specialty which has assumed tremendous importance in the advance of medical knowledge during recent decades," Dr. Seaman remarked.

"Its significance as a diagnostic and treatment tool has been of incalculable importance and increases constantly. It has become an important therapeutic weapon in combatting malignant diseases," he added.

During the past year, the services of radiologists at Presbyterian Hospital were required for approximately 1,300 patients. The number of treatments added up to more than 16,000. Although these figures represent maximum capacity at present, it will be possible to triple the number of radiotherapy treatments with the new radiotherapy center. Presbyterian Hospital has the largest staff of full time radiologists of any hospital in the United States.



An important addition to the new high voltage equipment which will be available in the Radiotherapy Center is the Linear Accelerator shown in the illustration here.

## Garden to be Restored

During construction of the new radiotherapy center it will be necessary to excavate a section of the hospital garden area.

However, since the facilities will be located beneath ground level, the excavated portion of the lawn in the garden will be completely restored after construction work is completed.

## TAPED HISTORY

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the taped interviews will be valuable for the historical accuracy and insights they provide through the words and image of men most directly involved in significant medical advances of the past several decades.

"Right now," said Dr. Ryan, "the interviews are interesting and informative; 10 or 20 years from now they'll be tremendously valuable historically."

He added that the program may be extended in time to in-

clude outstanding doctors of other medical specialties. The tapes will be available to doctors, historians and students.

Psychiatrists already interviewed in the program are:

Dr. Franz J. Kallman, professor emeritus of Psychiatry (Genetics) at P&S, who is known for his original work in genetic problems in neuropsychiatry and his studies of heredity in schizophrenia.

Dr. David M. Levy, a New

York City psychiatrist known for his work on behavior problems in children; a pioneer in studies of "mothering" and other maternal influences on children.

Dr. Sandor Lorand, a pioneer in psychoanalytical practice in the United States, he was a colleague of Sigmund Freud and trained during the early development of psychoanalytical theory and technique. He is director of the

Division of Psychoanalytic Education at State University of New York Downstate Medical Center.

Dr. Howard W. Potter, noted for his research in mental retardation, is professor emeritus of psychiatry at State University of New York Downstate Medical Center. (He formerly served Downstate Medical Center as dean and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry.)



# LITTLE SCHOLARS IN NURSERY SCHOOL

They laugh a lot and sing a lot, talk a lot and have a rousing good time.

Along with all the fun, they are also learning: how to play with other children, how to function as part of a group, how to follow a teacher's instructions and how to use the crayons, paints, scissors and other tools they will encounter in kindergarten.

They are the pupils of the Medical Center Nursery School, Inc. and they are, most of them anyway, children of members of the Medical Center Family.

The nursery school was founded in 1957 by a group of Presbyterian Hospital house physicians and their wives. All residents of Washington Heights, they sought to provide in the neighborhood a pre-school education for their children at a cost in keeping with a limited income.

## CHARTER IN 1963

In the spring of 1963 the school received its permanent charter from New York State and, through the efforts of its legal counsel, has attained a non-profit, tax deductible status.

The pupils, who appear to be an unusually spirited and attentive lot, combine a generous measure of play with their

learning, all done under the leadership of Mrs. George M. Cohen, the teacher, and Mrs. Mary Cutié her assistant.

Mrs. Cohen, whose husband is a child care and development specialist now on a research grant at Psychiatric Institute, is a Vassar graduate who holds a master's degree from Bank Street College of Education in Manhattan. Mrs. Cutié, formerly of Cuba, is a resident of the neighborhood

who has been assisting at the school for two years.

## BUSY DAYS

Encouraged by these two animated women, the youngsters enjoy a busy average day. The younger children (3-year-olds) are in school from 9 to 11:30 a.m. In the afternoon, the 4 and 5 year olds have their turn from 1 to 4 p.m.

## PLAYGROUND

For both groups the schedule is about the same. When they first arrive, weather permitting, they go for a walk or to the Medical Center's playground for an hour of frolicking.

With some of their excess energy burned off, the youngsters return to the school, a three-room 1st floor apartment on 165th Street, directly across from the Service Building. What follows is a half-hour of free play time, a period when the little ones amuse themselves as they please. (Within reason, of course.) Usually they look at books, paint, play with blocks and, as children will do, create a din of chatter and giggles.

Juice and cookies are enjoyed by the pupils after they've cleaned up the disorder created during free play. Then it's time for a short rest, giving the youngsters—and their teachers—a chance to catch their breath.

## MUSIC TIME

Music time comes next. Singing along or pounding along on drums, triangles, blocks, bells and other rhythm instruments, the children keep time (now and then) to records or piano, played by Mrs.

Cohen. Then there's a story before the little ones get themselves dressed for the trip home.

## LAZY MARY

Quite indifferent to all the merry activity is the school mascot, a buff and white hamster with the fitting name of Lazy Mary. A remarkable animal, she successfully sleeps through all the chatter, giggles, music and stories, awakening to stretch her limbs at 4 p.m. It may be just a coincidence, but this is the hour-to-the minute—when the children go home.

The Nursery School, which operates at a deficit, owes its existence to the annual Mother Goose Ball, a social affair which has already become a tradition around the Medical Center. Proceeds from the dance, about \$2,500 each year, help keep the school in operation.

## FINANCIAL HELP

Other necessary funds are received from time to time from philanthropic individuals. Without their financial assistance, the school would soon be forced to close its doors.

## NURSERY OFFICERS



MRS. JOSEPH A. SILVERMAN

The Medical Center Nursery School, Inc. is administered and directed by a group of dedicated men and women who serve without pay to keep it in existence.

President of the corporation is Mrs. Joseph A. Silverman. Officers assisting her are Mrs. Arthur Lee, first vice president; Mrs. Jack Blechner, second vice president; Edward Meskin, treasurer, and Mrs. Terry Slaughter, secretary.

Trustees are Drs. Virgil G. Damon and George W. Melcher, Jr., Mrs. Hamilton Southworth, Mrs. W. Duane Todd and Mrs. Jerome P. Webster.

## Sandor Rado Lectures

The Psychoanalytic Clinic for Training and Research,

and its alumni association, will sponsor the ninth annual Sandor Rado Lectures March 26-27 in the P&S Alumni Auditorium.

Lecturer will be a former director of the Psychoanalytic Clinic, Dr. George E. Daniels. His topic at 8:45 p.m. March 26 will be "Approaches to a Biological Basis of Human Behavior," and at 10 a.m. March 27 he'll speak on "Comprehensive Medicine, With Particular Reference to Ulcerative Colitis."

Professional personnel from psychoanalysis and allied disciplines are invited.

## BOUQUETS

The Yale University Alumni Club tossed a bouquet our way recently. Several bouquets, in fact.

The flowers, some 30 beautiful centerpieces, had been used originally at a Yale banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria. For several days they brightened wards in Neurological Institute and Presbyterian Hospital.



JUICE AND COOKIES TIME AT THE NURSERY SCHOOL

Mrs. Mary Cutié, left, and Mrs. George M. Cohen watch as their young charges enjoy a snack. The pupils are, seated from left, Kathy Hoffman, Barbara Brandfass, Laura Spitzer, Robby Jones and Andrew Bennett; standing are Nicole Simmons, Jon Voeller and John Miller.



PLEASE EXCUSE ME! I'M SHARING!  
or so Kathy Hoffman appears to say as she offers a cookie to a friend.

## MOTHER GOOSE BALL MAY 15

The Mother Goose Ball, which annually finances about half the cost of operating the Medical Center Nursery School, will be held on May 15 in Ferris Booth Hall, Waldman Auditorium, on the Columbia University campus.

The popular Ben Cutler Orchestra will furnish music for dancing.

Guest of honor will be the outstanding actress Helen Hayes. Mrs. H. Houston Merritt and Dr. Virgil G. Damon are honorary chairmen.

Co-chairmen for the ball, this year based on the theme "Mother Goose Goes to Fantasy Land," are Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Bennett and Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Bennett.

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# Auxiliary Election Results

A number of new officers were elected during recent annual balloting by members of the five women's auxiliaries representing hospital units of the Medical Center. Each organization, however, reelected its top officer to another one-year term.

## BABIES HOSPITAL

Mrs. J. Taylor Howell has been elected treasurer of the Board of Women Managers. All other officers were re-elected.

Remaining in office are Mrs. R. Peter Rose, president; Mrs. Carl Tucker, honorary vice-president; Mrs. Carl Tucker, Jr. and Mrs. George L. Bartlett, vice-presidents; Mrs. Allen F. Maulsby, recording secretary; Mrs. Bayard Walker, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Leo C. Fennelly, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Grover O'Neill, Jr., assistant corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joseph R. Ramee, chairman, Cribside Social Service Committee, and Mrs. K. Herluf

Trudso, chairman, Cribside Thrift Shop Committee.

## MARY HARKNESS

Mrs. Alan Burnham, formerly secretary-treasurer of the Mary Harkness Auxiliary, has been elected vice-chairman. Assuming the office of secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Harold G. Barker. Mrs. Thatcher M. Brown, Jr. remains as chairman of the auxiliary.

## NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE

Mrs. Irving B. Kingsford, Jr. was reelected secretary, and has taken on added responsibilities as first vice-chairman of the Neurological Institute Auxiliary. Mrs. Donald K. David is the new sec-

ond vice-chairman. Reelected to office were Mrs. Edward B. Schlesinger, chairman, and Mrs. Everett L. Hoskins, treasurer.

## NEW YORK ORTHOPEDIC

Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock has been elected second vice-president of the Women's Auxiliary of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital.

Reelected officers are Mrs. William L. Hutton, president; Mrs. Robert E. Carroll, first vice-president; Mrs. Willis L. M. Reese, third vice-president; Mrs. Jarvis Slade, secretary, and Mrs. William G. Maguire, treasurer.

## PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

New officers elected by the Women's Auxiliary of The Presbyterian Hospital are Mrs. Henry Clay Frick, II, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Hamilton Southworth, corresponding secretary.

Remaining in office are Mrs. Paul B. Sheldon, chairman; Mrs. Arthur Gerard DeVoe, vice-chairman, Mrs. W. Duane Todd, treasurer, and Mrs. Francis H. Cabot, Jr., recording secretary.

# PROCLAIMING A NEED



New York City Mayor Robert Wagner helped focus attention on the contributions of physical therapists and the increasing need for more skilled practitioners by proclaiming the Feb. 14-20 period as Physical Therapy Week.

Samuel Feitelberg, right, chairman of the Greater New York Chapter, American Physical Therapy Assn. and chief physical therapist at the Presbyterian Hospital, accepts the proclamation from the Mayor's representative, Dr. Bruce Grynbaum, director of Rehabilitation Services, City of New York.

## MANY THOUSAND MORE THERAPISTS ARE NEEDED

Mayor Wagner referred to physical therapy in his proclamation as "one of the most rapidly expanding and challenging of health professions," one whose members "aid the ill and handicapped to achieve maximum rehabilitation..."

He also highlighted the fact that, in addition to some 10,000 qualified physical therapists now practicing in this country, "many thousands more are needed to help the injured, the disabled and chronically ill."

"Not for many years will there be enough physical therapists to meet the demands for their services," the Mayor added. In proclaiming a Physical Therapy Week, he indicated, he hoped to place emphasis on the Greater New York District's endeavor "to interest our youth in choosing physical therapy as a health career..."

## March Delafield Lectures Set

Four noted researchers will participate in the Francis Delafield Hospital Lecture Series during March.

John Papaconstantinou, Ph.D., of the University of Connecticut will lecture on "Protein and Nucleic Acid Changes in the Differentiation of Lens Cells," at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, in the Delafield Hospital Auditorium.

On Saturday, March 13, the 10 a.m. lecture will be given by Howard M. Temin, Ph.D. of the University of Wisconsin, who will discuss "The Mechanisms of Carcinogenesis by Avian Sarcoma Viruses."

Professor Alberto Monroy of the University of Palermo, will speak at the Saturday morning session on March 20, on "Activation and Regulation of Protein Synthesis During the Course of Development of the Echinoderm Egg."

The final lecture for March will be at 10 a.m. on March 27th, given by Bruce N. Ames, Ph.D. of the National Institutes of Health, who will discuss "Genes, Enzymes, and Control Mechanisms in Histidine Biosynthesis."

## Mrs. Tietjen Ends 15 Years' Service As A Nursing Aide

After more than 14 years as a nursing aide here, Mrs. Thelma S. Tietjen has retired. She began her Medical Center employment in June 1949 in the labor room of Sloane Hospital and for the past eight years has served on the 10th floor of Harkness Pavilion.

A tribute to Mrs. Tietjen came from the head nurse on her floor, Miss Ellen Gubler: "All the patients who have known Thelma and all of us who have worked with her will miss her quiet, industrious, thoughtful ways."

## NOT REALLY RETIRING

Mrs. Tietjen says that she isn't "really retired" and that she hopes to work as a "companion" nurse, caring for sick persons in their homes. She also plans to find more time to poke around the numerous plants in her Teaneck, N. J.

## MISS HEALY

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59th Street. When Sloane moved into its new facilities at the Medical Center the following summer, Miss Healy came here and worked in the old Weighed Diets Kitchen.

## CHIEF DIETITIAN IN 1959

She later was transferred to Harkness Pavilion and was head dietitian of that unit when, in August 1941, she was promoted to assistant chief dietitian of The Presbyterian Hospital. She assumed the responsibilities of chief dietitian in May, 1959.

Well known and popular around the Medical Center, Miss Healy was a member of the 25 Year Club and last year served on the reception committee at the organization's annual banquet. She also held

apartment—and to visit with her four children and 17 grandchildren.

## Mr. Quartarolo Plans To Visit His Native Land

A summer trip back to his native Italy is among the retirement plans of Peter Quartarolo, a Medical Center gardener who put in his last day in our greenhouse on Feb. 27.

Pete, who was born in Sanbasile, Italy, came to this country in 1928. This will be his first visit to the land of his birth since 1947.

Employed here since August 1958, Pete is among the men who tend the numerous plants and flowers that beautify the grounds of the Medical Center.

"Each year I receive tremendous satisfaction in helping to insure that the hospital grounds and all the flowers and shrubs are at their peak beauty for the nurses' graduation in the garden," Pete said.

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membership in the American Dietetic Association and the Greater New York Dietetic Association.

A Requiem Mass for Miss Healy was celebrated Feb. 15 in St. Pius X Church, Scarsdale, N. Y. Burial was in Scarsdale.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. George V. Browne of Scarsdale, a niece, Miss Sally Browne, and two nephews, Robert V. and William V. Browne.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

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search projects including field studies of epilepsy and head injuries, the evaluation of new drugs and the investigation of viruses as a possible cause of chronic neurological disorders. On the staff of the Neurological Institute for 16 years, he served with the Navy during the Korean War, and holds the rank of Captain in the Naval Reserve. He is Associate Professor of Clinical Neurology at P&S, a diplomate of the Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, member of the American Neurological Association, the Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases and the Society of Consultants to

the Armed Forces. Dr. Caviness is the author of an Atlas of Electroencephalography in the Macaca Mulata and of numerous articles on central nervous system development, head injuries and convulsive seizures.

## GIBSON LECTURE

THE XIV JOHN G. GIBSON, II Lecture will be given on April 15 at 5 p.m. in the Alumni Auditorium. Dr. Sylvia D. Lawler, M.B., B.S., M.D. of The Royal Marsden Hospital, London, England will deliver the talk on "Consideration of Human Individuality and its Relationship to Transfusion and Transplantation." Dr. Lawlor is the first woman to deliver a Gibson Lecture.



## 13 Interests (Plus Politics) Keep Edna Busy

Mrs. Edna Dress, interviewer for many years at the Presbyterian Hospital admitting desk, retired February 28. But she has no intention of staying idle.

She's planning a motor trip with friends to California in June, followed by a flight to Hawaii where she will visit with a former Medical Center friend, Mrs. Lilia Alvarez, now living and doing social work in Honolulu. Then she'll return home to find a new job.

### SHE HATES TO LEAVE

"I hate to leave the Medical Center. This is my second home," she said, admitting that she is exploring possibilities of part time employment here.

A Medical Center employee since November 1946, she has worked as an interviewer in Presbyterian during all but two years of that time. Her other job was as a registrar in the Pediatrics Clinic on the fourth floor of Vanderbilt Clinic.

Mrs. Dress is mother of three children: Fred is district sales manager for Schaeffer Brewing Company; daughters Jeannette (Mrs. Fortune S. Macri) and Katherine (Mrs. Leo Patterson) both worked for a time at the Medical Center.

### ACTIVE IN POLITICS

Mrs. Dress is very active in civic and political activities in the Bronx. She is chairman of the current Cerebral Palsy Fund drive there, captain of the Bronx County Election Board and a prominent member of the Bronx County Democratic Committee. (She hints that part of her interest in politics stems from the fact that her son-in-law, Fortune Macri, is former assistant district attorney of Bronx County.)

### 13 OTHER INTERESTS

If these activities don't keep her busy enough, Mrs. Dress has 13 other interests to occupy her time—her grandchildren.

## PETER QUARTAROLO RETIRES

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He is one of the few men who can boast of serving in both World Wars. During WWI, he was with the Italian Army for 4½ years; he put in a 7-month stint with the U. S. Army during WWII.

For most of his life before coming here, Pete worked as a carpenter in the construction trade. One of his proud-

est accomplishments was his role in helping to build the Eighth Avenue subway.

He is married and has a daughter and two grandsons. He belongs to the Sanbasile Society and in his spare time enjoys boche ball and, of course, gardening. His specialty is fruit trees; he raises figs, cherries, apricots and peaches at his home in The Bronx.

# Once Fatal Heart Defect Is No Longer Hopeless

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side of his heart received unoxygenated venous blood from the body and recirculated it, still unoxygenated, back through the body again. The left side, meanwhile, obtained richly oxygenated blood from the lungs and returned it largely unutilized to the lungs again.

Evidently there was some exchange of blood between the two sides of his heart, but only in very limited quantities.

Almost from the moment of birth, Timmy's survival was precarious. By the time Medical Center specialists first saw him, his skin was obviously blue, a sign of poorly oxygenated blood. And his condition was worsening by the day.

With corrective surgery impossible at the time, the Medical Center's Cardiac Surgery Team, directed by Dr. James R. Malm, determined to attempt an operation which would improve the child's hold on life. Because of the high mortality associated with Timmy's lesion, they felt that the considerable operative risk involved was justifiable.

### TEMPORARY PROCEDURE

Scheduled for surgery in April 1960, Timmy came down with pneumonia. The operation was postponed.

On June 3, when the baby was eight months old, surgeons created an atrial septal defect in Timmy's heart; that is they opened a hole in the wall between the two re-

ceiving chambers. This procedure allowed mixing of blood so that considerably more oxygenated blood was being circulated through the baby's body.

Timmy weighed only 16 pounds at the time of surgery. His post-operative recovery was promising. His mother, Mrs. John Sullivan, said he became much more active. "He wanted to sit up on his own," she stated, "and soon he began to crawl."

Surgery was accomplishing what the doctors hoped. But the relief was, as anticipated, only temporary. As the years passed, Timmy became increasingly blue and his physical activity was greatly restricted.

Fortunately, the time the

cardiac surgery team bought for Timmy proved to be sufficient. In March, 1964 a heart surgeon in Toronto, Canada, Dr. W. T. Mustard, reported success at total correction of a transposition of the great vessels.

Dr. Malm said Timmy was prepared for similar surgery in May 1964. He caught measles. Postponements followed in October (he had a bad cold) and December (an upper respiratory infection).

### SUCH SURGERY IS RARE

The rare surgical procedure (creation of a tube from the boy's pericardium and rerouting of blood through normal channels) required about one hour of open heart surgery during the four hour and 30 minute operation.

Timmy's recovery has been remarkable. He is most impressed by the fact that his skin is no longer blue. His doctors are most gratified by the improvement in all of the boy's vital signs.

Said Dr. Malm: "The surgery performed on Timmy Sullivan represents a dramatic advance in the treatment of a previously uncorrectable cardiac anomaly, one which long has been recognized as a leading cause of death in infants.

### APPROPRIATE TIMING

"The perfection of this technique comes as a successful climax of long years of surgical research and development; and it is especially appropriate that this success should come during February, which is National Heart Month.

"Although many operations of this type will be performed in the future, none will be quite so stimulating and meaningful to us of the cardiac surgery team," Dr. Malm concluded. "This success proves that another previously fatal heart anomaly is no longer hopeless."

### "LIKE A MIRACLE"

To Timmy's parents, their son's surgery and subsequent improvement "seem like a miracle." Mrs. Sullivan, a sincere believer in the power of prayer, said persons in four states have been praying for the ailing boy since his condition became known.

"Still," she added, "it's difficult to realize that after five years of uncertain existence, Timmy can now look forward to a full normal life."

Timmy, bothered so long by chronic fatigue and shortness of breath, summed it up very succinctly: "Well, now I won't huff and puff any more."



HE'S VERY POPULAR WITH THE LADIES

Timmy Sullivan's mother, right, holds his hand while he's examined by a nurse in the Cardiac Recovery Room.

## Nursing School Plans for Its 75th Anniversary

With the momentous date more than two years away, plans are already being made for a four-day observance of the 75th anniversary of the Medical Center's School of Nursing.

Miss Cecile Covell '26, general chairman, announces that the celebration is scheduled for June 4-7, 1967. Among the events already set are a banquet (June 6) in the Hilton Hotel and a gala lawn party (June 5) on the Maxwell Hall grounds.

Miss Eleanor Lee '20 is presently up-dating her well-known history of the nursing school and a new edition is anticipated by the time of the anniversary. A profile of the school's graduates is being prepared by Miss Dorothy E. Reilly '42 and an attractive anniversary souvenir brochure is being planned.

Miss Covell said that serious consideration is also being given to the preparation

of a new alumnae directory and to the possibility of a fund raising drive to increase the school's endowment.

### MOTHER GOOSE

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Mrs. Bard Cosman.

Heading the various committees are Dr. and Mrs. George Alexander, decorations; Dr. and Mrs. William Brandfass, publicity; Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Markowitz, tickets and invitations; Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Morkin, sponsors; Dr. and Mrs. John Collins, entertainment and refreshments, and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Neuwirth, patrons.



# Name Trinidad Hospital For Augustus C. Long

The recently expanded Texaco Trinidad hospital at Pointe-a-Pierre, Trinidad, has been named The Augustus Long Hospital in honor of Texaco's board chairman who retired at the end of 1964.

Augustus Long was elected to The Presbyterian Hospital Board of Trustees in May, 1955, and has been President of the Board since April 4, 1961. The new medical library which will be erected here at the Medical Center will also bear his name.

The Texaco Trinidad hospital named for Mr. Long is an air-conditioned 48-bed facility which includes a maternity suite and nursery, operating rooms and laboratories. It is the center in Trinidad of all Texaco medical services which are provided at nominal cost to the company's employees and their dependents.



AUGUSTUS C. LONG  
Trinidad Hospital Bears His Name

In resolving that the Trinidad hospital should bear the name of Mr. Long, the directors of Texaco Trinidad, Inc. noted that he "has been the guiding spirit and displayed decisive leadership in planning and executing" the hospital's expansion.

"Augustus Long," continues the resolution, "has been a good friend of Trinidad and Tobago in helping fulfill its hopes and aspirations, to raise its living standards, and to expand its economy on a sound and stable basis, and in so doing has come to have affectionate regard for the country and its people."

Mr. Long was Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Texaco Inc. from 1956 until his retirement last December 31. He served the company for 35 years.

## Honor Society Initiates Nurses On March 15th

More than 50 alumnae, students and faculty members of the School of Nursing will be initiated into the new Columbia University chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the national nursing honorary society, during ceremonies the evening of March 15.

The initiation will be held in Sturgis Auditorium of Maxwell Hall, followed by a banquet in the dining room.

Banquet speaker will be Dr. Dorothy Mereness, first vice president of the honorary society's national chapter. Professor of nursing at New York University, she will speak on the topic "The Meaning and Purpose of an Honor Society."

### INITIATION SET

Initiation ceremonies will be conducted by Mary Masterson '64, president of the local chapter. Linda Kivowitz '64, chairman of the planning committee, is being assisted by Martha Haber '49 and senior nursing students Gail Bovingdon and Judith Holland.

Alumnae returning here for the initiation will be conducted on a tour of new units at the Medical Center.

Creation of the local chapter, Alpha Zeta, took place last May 18, when 87 students, alumnae and faculty were initiated as faculty members.

## Dr. George Rosen Wins ACHA Prize For Journal Article

The American College of Hospital Administrators' annual award for the outstanding article appearing in its quarterly journal, *Hospital Administration*, has been presented to Dr. George Rosen.

Dr. Rosen, professor of Health Education at Columbia's School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine, received the award Feb. 5 at the ACHA's Congress in Chicago.

His prize-winning study, "The Impact of the Hospital on the Physician, the Patient and the Community," appeared in the Fall 1964 issue of the journal.

Dr. Rosen is the editor of three medical publications: *Journal of the History of Medicine*, *Ciba Symposia* and the *American Journal of Public Health*.

the job, prepare for greater responsibilities and enhance their opportunities for promotion.



Plans are proceeding well for this year's raffle and card party, held annually for the benefit of the Student Nurse Scholarship Fund. Raffle tickets are now available from student nurses, the Nursing Office (PH-4-129) and nursing stations; the drawing will take place during the benefit card party, April 28 in Maxwell Hall. Going over final details are, from left, Mrs. Frank E. Stinchfield, sponsors committee; Virginia Maeyer and Katherine Klinck, student committee, and Mrs. Edward B. Self, general chairman.

## PIN STAR

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Ray, who has an average of 169 in the Medical Center Bowling League, was bowling in another league on Sunday night, January 31. The first ball he threw down the alley toppled nine pins, leaving the tenth tottering. He bowled over the remaining stubborn pin with his next ball, for a spare.

In refusing to fall on Ray's first roll, that single balky pin cost him a perfect game. The next 11 balls Ray released were all strikes, so his total at the end of the game was 290. An enviable score, but not perfection.

Ray kept his hot streak alive

for a few minutes more, rolling three additional strikes in a row. Thereafter, he performed closer to his 170 average, finishing with 180 for his second game and adding 196 on his third. Still, his three-game total of 666 is a record that would delight most professionals.

For more than a half hour, Ray Laureano was as "hot" as any bowler, amateur or professional, has ever been. His 14 strike exploit has earned him four awards: one from the bowling alley, one from the league in which he was participating, and two from the American Bowling Congress.

Not bad for a fellow who has been bowling for only two years!

## 17 EMPLOYEES IN COLLEGE WITH WEINBERG FUND AID

Seventeen employees of Presbyterian Hospital assisted by grants from the Sidney J. Weinberg Employees Educational Aid Reimbursement Fund, are studying job-related courses during the Spring semester at 11 area colleges.

Sixteen of the Weinberg scholars are working toward degrees, including one for a doctorate, five for masters, eight for bachelors and two for associate in arts.

Employees whose applications for Weinberg aid have been approved are:

Michael Casali, pharmacist, Brooklyn College of Pharmacy.

Patricia Ann Cassman, lab technician, Hematology, The City College.

Jerome Heltzman, data processing manager, Comptrollers Office, Rutgers University.

Jean Jacques Injarabian, technician, Echoencephalography, School of General Studies, Columbia University.

Winifred Karp, recreational therapist, Nursing Department, Pratt Institute.

Angel Luciano, lab technician, Clinical Chemistry, The City College.

James Nolan, pharmacist, Brooklyn College of Pharmacy.

Patrick Pitter, technician, Brain Scanning, The City College.

Letty Pogul, psychometrist, Pediatric Psychiatry, Teachers College, Columbia University.

Joseph Ranucci, pharmacist, School of Pharmacy, St. John's University.

Thomas Rowe, accountant, School of Law, St. John's University.

John Ruddy, attendant, Nursing Department, Pace College.

Geraleen Singletary, lab technician, Clinical Pathology, The City College.

Marie Thomas, social worker, Social Service, The New School for Social Research.

Joyce Tyson, infant care technician, Nursing Department, New York City Community College.

Mary Louise Walsh, X-ray technician, Manhattan College.

Robert Weitzner, lab technician, Chemistry, Graduate School, Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The employee educational aid fund was established in 1962 by Sidney J. Weinberg, a Presbyterian Hospital trustee. It exists to help employees improve their effectiveness on

## RED, THE TAPE WE DREAD By MARY WELLINGTON

Though tape is useful in its place  
And even serves to lift one's face,  
The tape that's red may prove, instead,  
To strangle us—until we're dead.  
When it gets out of hand we're through  
With peace of mind; and that is true:  
We find ourselves caught in a maze,  
A holocaust, a dizzy daze.  
Let's stick to tape where it belongs:  
For measuring . . . recording songs,  
And when a paper tears in two,  
Without Scotch Brand—what would we do?  
So, here's to tape of happy mien,  
Of white, or blue, or brown, or green.  
The color we have cause to dread  
Is jangled, tangled, twisted red.





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## 37 Years & A Hurricane Later

### Missing Original Patient List Arrives At Medical Center

After being considered lost for 37 years (and a hurricane almost made this assumption a fact), a document of great historical interest to the Medical Center recently arrived in the mail.

The missing document, two sheets of yellowing paper, obviously rust stained but still clearly legible, is the original list of patients transferred from the old Presbyterian Hospital to the Medical Center on March 26, 1928.

Although most of the patient names are unfamiliar to the contemporary reader, the list does contain names of persons well remembered at the Medical Center, notably that of Miss Anna C. Maxwell, first director of Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing.



DR. ALVIN F. COBURN

The sheets also include last minute changes in transfer arrangements, written in the sure hand of John Bush, executive vice president of the hospital then, and until 1943.

Of greatest general interest perhaps is a two-page letter which accompanied the document. This neatly typed note, explaining what has happened to the patient list since it disappeared in 1928, comes from Dr. Alvin F. Coburn, assistant to the dean at New York Medical College. He was resident physician at Presbyterian when the transfer of patients was accomplished.

#### RECALLS A REQUEST

Wrote Dr. Coburn: "More than a quarter century ago, during the reign of Dean Sage (president of the hospital, 1922-43), I received an unusual request. It came from the office of Mr. Bush, then the

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### DR. L. A. MOUNT REVISITS HOPE

When Medical Center neurosurgeon Dr. Lester A. Mount lectured before some 30 Guinean doctors recently aboard the SS HOPE, he was addressing almost half the native M.D.'s in the young west African republic of three million population.

For Dr. Mount, attending neurological surgeon at Presbyterian Hospital, it marked his third tour of duty for the famed American hospital ship. (He had earlier set up a neurosurgery program in Peru and Ecuador for the HOPE's visits to those countries).

For the attending Guinean doctors, it was a rare opportunity to learn from a highly trained and experienced neurosurgeon. There is no such specialist in their new nation, no more than 10 general surgeons.

#### ESTABLISHED CLINICS

Dr. Mount was with the HOPE from mid-October 1964, when it arrived to begin 10 months of service and teaching in Guinea, until mid-November. His objective was to arrange for an active neurosurgical service aboard the hospital ship and for the creation, equipping and staffing of a neurology clinic and a neurosurgery clinic in each of the nation's two leading hospitals. When he left, the neurology clinics were operating four days weekly, the neurosurgery clinics two days.

He also performed four surgical procedures (removal of brain and spinal cord tumors

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## N. J. Woman Bears Healthy Son 61 Hours After Brain Surgery

Like many a typical housewife on a Sunday morning, Jane Van Orden was hurrying around her Oakland, N. J. home getting ready for church. Her two young daughters were dressed and growing impatient. Husband Tom was waiting by the door. Just beginning her eighth month of pregnancy, Mrs. Van Orden wasn't getting about with quite her normal speed.

As she reached up to select a hat from a closet shelf, a sudden blinding pain flashed through her head.

"It felt like a horse had kicked me in the back of the skull," she remembers. "The next thing I knew I was on the floor and my husband was kneeling beside me."

The unbearable pain which caused Mrs. Van Orden to lapse into unconsciousness resulted from a ruptured intracranial aneurysm. In less technical language: a blood vessel just inside her brain had a flaw, a weak spot which had ballooned out and burst. (Something similar happens when an inflated innertube has a thin spot.)

It was November 1, 1964 when Mrs. Van Orden was stricken. The 30 days which followed in the life of the vivacious, blue eyed blonde included experiences rare in medical annals, culminating in brain surgery on November 28, followed less than three days later by the normal delivery of her first son.

Although the average layman may be fascinated by the "believe-it-or-not" aspects of Mrs. Van Orden's ordeal, the medical practitioner sees far greater significance in this case.

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On a recent visit to Neurological Institute, Mrs. Jane Van Orden, flanked by daughters, shows off her son, Tommy, to Head Nurse Eleanor Friedman.



DR. LESTER A. MOUNT

Assisted by a Guinean surgeon, Dr. Lester Mount, left, performs a neurosurgical procedure aboard the SS HOPE.

## WE HAVE A LION IN OUR LIBRARY

We may not have a tiger in our tank but we have a lion in our library.

The fifth floor Hibbs Library of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital at the Medical Center, that is.

This lion, of the plains variety from Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa, is now in the form of a rug. He still has a rather menacing look about him, though.

Dr. Frederick S. Craig, an assistant attending orthopedic surgeon at Presbyterian Hospital, recalls vividly the day he brought the beast down.

"Our safari in 1962 had almost ended and the Professional White Hunter who had been with us had gone. With just a few days left, we encountered another who had wandered south from Tanganyika. He joined our party, and asked me what I wanted most for a trophy.

"A lion," I told him.

The next day, the party headed for the plains.

"We didn't see a lion," Dr. Craig said.

"But I did shoot a water buck."

The following day, back in the plains, Dr. Craig saw an unfamiliar sight in the distance. He asked the hunter what it was.

"He looked through his binoculars for a moment and then turned to me and said, 'That's the biggest plains lion I've ever seen!'" Dr. Craig explained.

"We approached him, but couldn't get closer than 150 yards from him because of a stream. I shot and hit him but he ran into the bush.

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## STETHOSCOPIA

### • BRIDES AND GROOMS

*Dr. John Wilson Espy*, Assistant Ophthalmologist, and Miss Mary Burwell Fowlkes of New York City and Nantucket, Mass. were married on March 27 at St. James Episcopal Church, New York City.

*Barbara Beucler*, R.N., Instructor in Sloane, married Mr. Eugene J. Rooney of New York City recently.

*Sue Dufort*, Head Nurse, Babies Hospital, and Mr. Robert Intermont will marry on April 24 in Malone, N. Y. Attending Miss Dufort will be *Donna Hoag*, Supervisor on PH 10 and soloist at the ceremony will be *Wilhelmina Fry*, nurse in Babies.

### • THEY'RE PROMISED

*Dr. Michael L. Gelfand*, Surgical Intern, and Miss Diana Lee Randolph of New York City, are planning a summer wedding.

*Mildred Cameron*, R.N. in Neuro Operating Room, and Mr. Thomas Lawson Love, plan to be married on June 26.

*John H. Feibel*, student at P&S, and Miss Diane Sue Klieger of New York City are engaged.

*Anita Buenger*, Communications, will marry Mr. John Paten on June 13.

*Gertrude Priscilla Sheridan*, daughter of *James A. Sheridan*, Protective Department, is engaged to Mr. William Joseph Schneider, Jr. of Bayside, N. Y. Mr. Schneider is employed at Bankers Trust Company of New York. Miss Sheridan formerly was an admitting clerk in Eye Institute, registrar in radiotherapy and cashier during summer vacations.

*Barbara Rose Satir*, staff nurse, is engaged to *William Boyd McCullough*, fourth year student in P&S. The couple plans a June wedding.

### • PROUD GRANDPA

*William McKenney* of Maintenance & Construction, welcomed his first grandchild recently. He is named Jeffrey Marachel and was born March 19.

### • FAREWELL

*Mrs. Matilde Massey*, who retired from Communications, and *Charles Fries* of that department, who moved to California. We welcome new operators, *Cassey Espy*, *Mrs. Nancy Pauley*, *Mrs. Anne Terrano* and *John Delargy*, also new clerk *Mrs. Elizabeth Hogan*.

### • CONGRATULATIONS

Promoted to Head Nurse in PH Operating Room are *Margaret Smith*, *Patricia Kowalenko* and *Constance Swackhamer*.

### • NOTES OF INTEREST

*Tod Dee Craig*, medical illustrator, daughter of *Dr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Craig*, danced in the annual Mardi Gras pageant of the New York Junior League which was televised February 28. She played Ginger Rogers in a dress of orange ostrich feathers and received very favorable reviews in the New York press.

The annual Easter Party of the Bronx League for Cerebral Palsy will be held in the Attending Doctors' Dining Room at 2:30 p.m. on April 4.

*George K. Nixon*, R.T., Chief X-Ray Technician in Radiology, and *James A. Brown*, R.T., Supervisor of PH X-Ray, have been nominated by the State of New York Department of Health, as Special Examiners to administer examinations for licensing of X-Ray technicians.

## Babies Alumni Reunion Is April 30

The Annual Reunion of the Babies Hospital Alumni Association will be held on Friday, April 30, 1965 at Babies Hospital. The morning program will begin at 11:00 A.M. with Grand Rounds in the 4th

floor Amphitheatre. A Buffet Luncheon will be served at Edward S. Harkness Hall at 12:15 P.M. A short business meeting and presentation of scientific papers are planned for the afternoon.

## In Memoriam

### DR. OTTO LOWENSTEIN

Dr. Otto Lowenstein, head of the Laboratory of Pupillography at the Eye Institute, died March 25 in his Manhattan home. He was 75 years old.

Dr. Lowenstein was credited with the development of pupillography, the recording of eye pupil reflexes to various stimuli. It is used as an indicator of the activity of the autonomic nervous system and to locate lesions within the nervous network of pupillary control.

A psychiatrist and neurologist, he was emeritus professor of these specialties at the University of Bonn, Germany.

Dr. Lowenstein was born in Osnabrueck, Germany. He studied philosophy and mathematics at the University of Goettingen and received his M.D. degree in 1914 from the University of Bonn. He spent the next four years as a physician in the German Army.

### FOUNDED CLINIC IN BONN

In 1920 he joined the medical faculty at Bonn and in 1931 was appointed professor of neurology and psychiatry. In 1926 he founded what is believed to be the world's first diagnostic psychiatric clinic for children, the *Rheinische Klinik fur Jugendpsychiatrie* in Bonn.

Last year he returned to Bonn to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy, conferred upon him by the University's Philosophy Faculty. At the same time, a bust was unveiled of him at the clinic he founded almost 40 years ago.

In 1933, with Hitler in power in Germany, Dr. Lowenstein fled with his family to Switzerland, where he became a consultant in psychiatry at La Métaire in Nyon.

He came to the United States in 1939 and served at

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## Rehabilitation Unit Sets Reception For Donors of Paintings

Artists and collectors who have contributed paintings and other works of art to the Medical Center's Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation unit will be guests at a reception here at 4 p.m. April 13.

The event will be held at the unit, located on the eighth floor of the Neurological Institute.

More than 45 works of art, many donated by well-known artists, hang in various areas of the floor, contributing beauty and boosting morale.

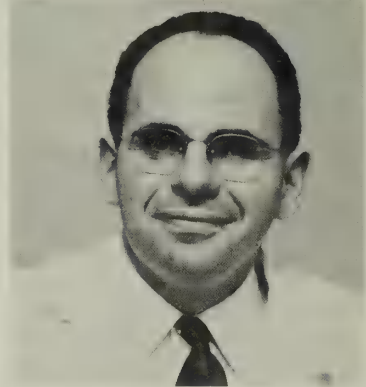
Opened to the public in January 1962, the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation unit is one of the newest facilities at the Medical Center.

## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

**DR. H. HOUSTON MERRITT**, Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, spoke at recent presentation ceremonies of the New York City Division of the American Cancer Society during which grants were awarded to local researchers. **DR. INES MANDL**, Assistant Professor in Biochemistry (Obstetrics and Gynecology) received a grant at this ceremony "to study the relationship between tumor invasiveness and proteolytic enzymes and their inhibitors."

**DR. MARIANNE J. LEGATO**, assistant resident in Medicine, has been awarded the Slater fellowship by the New York Heart Association.

**DR. THOMAS V. SANTULLI**, Attending Surgeon, recently participated in a Symposium on Pediatric Neoplasms at the New York Academy of Medicine, and presented a paper on "Surgical Emergencies in the Newborn Infant" at the Mid-Hudson Surgical Society in Newburgh, N. Y.



**DR. SIDNEY CARTER**, Attending Neurologist, presented "Implications of an Eisenhower-United Cerebral Palsy Clinical Professorship in a teaching and research institution" at the Fifteenth Annual National Conference of United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc. held recently in Los Angeles, Calif. Dr. Carter holds the above named professorship at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Carter was a Member of the Visiting Faculty at Emory University where he gave a Postgraduate Course in Pediatric Neurology.

**DR. RAFFAELE LATTES**, Attending Surgical Pathologist, was the Discussant at the recent symposium on "Myasthenia Gravis" given by the New York Academy of Sciences at the Waldorf Astoria. He also conducted a short course on "Tumors of the Soft Tissues" at the recent meeting of the International Academy of Pathology in Philadelphia.

**DR. ANTHONY N. DOMONKOS**, Attending Dermatologist, recently participated in the Postgraduate Symposium at Mound Park Hospital Foundation, St. Petersburg, Florida. Dr. Domonkos also was a guest speaker at the joint meeting of the Richmond Dermatological Society and the Tidewater Dermatological

Society of Williamsburg, Virginia.

**DR. PETER R. SCAGLIONE**, formerly Assistant Attending Pediatrician here, has been named Director of Pediatrics at the Brooklyn-Cumberland Medical Center and assistant clinical professor of Pediatrics at Downstate Medical Center.

**DR. DANIEL C. BAKER, JR.**, Director of Otolaryngology and **DR. ARTHUR G. DEVOE**, Director of Ophthalmology will be guest speakers at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Oto-Ophthalmological Society, Coronado, California, April 25-29.

**DR. MEYER M. MELICOW**, Consultant in Urology, made the presentation of the Fourth Ferdinand C. Valentine Medal and Award to Dr. Moses Swick. Dr. Melicow is chairman of the section on Urology of The New York Academy of Medicine where the ceremony took place. In his role as physician-painter, Dr. Melicow addressed a recent meeting of the Woman's Press Club at their meeting on Art.

**DR. DAVID H. BAKER**, Director of Radiology, Babies Hospital, presented three lectures at the University of California Medical Center, San Francisco, postgraduate course on Diagnostic Radiology. They were: Roentgen Manifestations of Intestinal Bleeding in Children, Manifestations of Cystic Fibrosis and Chronic Pulmonary Disease in Children. Dr. Baker also participated in panel discussions on Gastro-intestinal Radiology and Disease of the Skeletal System.

**DR. ALFRED GELLHORN**, Professor of Medicine, and Director of the Institute of Cancer Research, has served as Chairman of the Committee on Cancer of the American College of Physicians, which held its Golden Anniversary Session in Chicago from March 22-26. He presented a paper at these meetings entitled "Studies on the Mechanism of Action of Insulin in Alloxan-Diabetic Rats."

Dr. Gellhorn also has been appointed to the Executive

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## TRUSTEE WILLIAM GRAY DIES IN HIS 68TH YEAR



William S. Gray

William Steele Gray, noted banker and a long-time trustee of Presbyterian Hospital, died March 9 in New York City. He was 67 years old.

Mr. Gray was stricken by a heart attack while attending a luncheon at the headquarters of the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, of which he was Director.

Elected to the Presbyterian Board of Trustees in October, 1945, Mr. Gray was a member of the Board's Finance Committee. From 1942 to 1945 he served as a trustee of New York Orthopaedic Hospital.

A native New Yorker, he was graduated from Princeton in 1919. He joined his father's chemical business, William S. Gray & Co., then gradually followed his inclinations toward a career in banking.

In 1933, at the age of 35, he was elected president of a major banking institution, Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company. He became chairman of the bank in 1950.

### FINANCE CHAIRMAN

When Hanover Bank merged with Manufacturers Trust Company in 1961 to form the fourth largest bank in the country (Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company), Mr. Gray became chairman of the new bank's finance committee. He retired in 1962, but remained active as a director.

Mr. Gray made his home in Stamford, Conn. He raised Aberdeen Angus beef cattle on a 400-acre ranch in Currituck, N. C. He was director of many corporations, including Texaco Inc., Union Carbide, General Foods, Phelps-Dodge, and the Continental Insurance Company.

He was also active as a trustee with the Young Men's Christian Association, Julliard Musical Foundation and St. Luke's Hospital, New York.

Mr. Gray is survived by his widow, the former Margaret

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## Public Health Names African Statesman To Full-Time Post

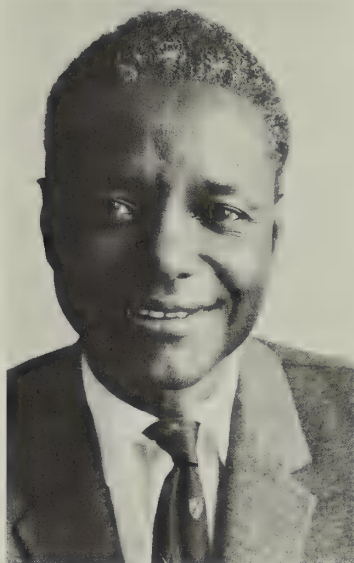
Dr. John Karefa-Smart, formerly foreign minister of Sierra Leone, has been appointed associate director for International Health at Columbia's School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine.

In his new full time position the 49 year old physician, grandson of a celebrated tribal chief, will direct the University's international health activities and serve as assistant professor of Public Health Practice.

Dr. Karefa-Smart, holder of numerous degrees from colleges and universities in Sierra Leone and North America, has been very prominent in international politics and health endeavors.

From the time that Sierra Leone achieved its independence in 1961 until the end of last year, he was his country's

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Dr. John Karefa-Smart

## Given Foundation Grants \$150,000 to Dr. M. Melicow



Dr. Meyer M. Melicow

A grant of \$150,000 has been received by the College of Physicians and Surgeons from The Irene Heinz Given and John LaPorte Given Foundation, Inc. to be expended by Dr. Meyer M. Melicow, Given Professor of Urology Emeritus. The money is to be used by Dr. Melicow for an electron microscope for research in urology, which studies will be carried on in a laboratory on the 10th floor of the William Black Medical Research Building.

### ENDOWED A CHAIR

In 1962, The Irene Heinz Given and John LaPorte Given Foundation established a chair in Urology in honor of Dr. Melicow. This endowment provides that Dr. Melicow remain the incumbent for a ten year period from the establishment of the professorship.

## HARKNESS HALL MANAGER WILLIAM LESTER RETIRES



William H. Lester

William H. Lester, Resident Manager of Harkness Hall, retired after 30 years at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. More than 300 friends and associates gathered in the Doctors' Dining Room on March 30th to bid him farewell.

Mr. Lester, a graduate of Columbia University, was born in Rochester, New York, and joined the Presbyterian Hospital Staff in 1935 as Assistant Credit Manager. Twelve years later at the opening of the Edward S. Harkness Memorial Hall in 1947 he took over his managerial duties at Harkness Hall and several other apartment buildings in Manhattan and New Jersey, which are maintained by the Presbyterian Hospital for members of the nursing staff.

Mrs. Jeanne Lester is also a longtime member of the Presbyterian Hospital family, having been with the Colum-

bia-Presbyterian Medical Center for 15 years. She is in charge of the Department of Visual Fields at the Neurological Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester will be travelling on the Continent until August, at which time Mrs. Lester will return to her department in the Neurological Institute.

## Artists: Ready Entries For May 3-14 Exhibit

Plans for the Medical Center Art Exhibit, to be held May 3-14 in the Library Annex on PH-20, have been announced by Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., chairman of the Art Committee.

The show will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., except Wednesdays, when it will open at 8 a.m. to accommodate the night nursing staff, and Saturday, May 8, when the exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At a meeting of the committee on March 2, it was decided that entry blanks will be distributed on April 19 at Stethoscope distribution points on the first floor. The appreciation of the committee was extended to Harriet Phillips, who

designed the poster and the bulletin board and to Robert Demarest for the art work on the catalogue and invitations. Members of the Volunteer Department will again form the reception committee during the show.

### DEADLINE: APRIL 28

Exhibitors are reminded that entries must be prepared for hanging with hooks and wires; photographs should be mounted on 16 x 20 inch mat board and must be 8 x 10 or larger; oils and watercolors must be framed and one-half of the entry blank is to be securely taped to the back of each entry, the other half should be returned to Public Interest, PH 4-32 on or before 5 p.m. April 28.

Mrs. A. J. Binkert and Mrs. H. Houston Merritt will be hostesses at the Art Show Tea for exhibitors and their friends which will be held on PH-20, May 3 from 4-6 p.m.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members of the Art Committee include: Drs. Bard Cosman, Meyer M. Melicow, Jerome P. Webster and Carl R. Wise; Gladys Barrett, Mary Harkness Unit; Dorothy Delamater, Eye Institute; Agnes Dilworth, Social Service; Rosemarie Glennon, V.C. Admitting; Martha Haber, Neuro Nursing; Helen Henry, Nursing; Patricia McLean, DOS; Mrs. Amarilius Otto, Maxwell Hall Recreation; Mary Ryan, Nurses Aide; Pamela Seaman, Personnel; Mrs. Roger Seebe, Volunteer.



Rev. Robert B. Reeves

## WE'LL HONOR VOLUNTEERS ON APRIL 29

William E. S. Griswold, Jr. will represent the Presbyterian Hospital Board of Trustees at the 14th annual Volunteer Awards Tea on April 29 in Maxwell Hall.

The program begins with tea at 4 p.m. with Mrs. George A. Perera, chairman of the Volunteer Committee of the Women's Auxiliaries, presiding.



# Lion Lies in Library

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"With more than a little apprehension, the Professional White Hunter and I decided to go in and dig him out.

"As we approached him he charged, but, fortunately, away from us. I shot and hit him again, but he went further into the bush.

"We kept up the pursuit, and he charged away from us again. I hit him again and that finally brought him down."

This is one of the biggest plains lions ever shot, measuring 11½ feet. He was getting old and ornery. Dr. Craig estimated his age at about 8 or 9 years, and the beast had many scars on his ears and around his face from many fights.

## AGED LIONS MAY PREY ON NATIVES

He would soon have started to prey on the natives in surrounding villages because of his age.

"When the male plains lion gets old he hunts for food alone. Apparently he's unable to keep up with the pride. Often, he'll turn away from his natural prey, impala and zebra, and go after humans," Dr. Craig explained.

Normally, plains lions travel in a group called a "pride." There is one old male, several lionesses, baby lions and a few young males. The females hunt for the group. They lie downwind so their prey, usually impalas and zebras, won't get their scent. Then the old male walks along majestically upwind. As soon as his scent is picked up by the unsuspecting prey, they panic and run downwind to the hiding places where the females lie in wait.

The king of the beasts rug now on display in the Hibbs Library, will soon join several other trophies on the wall of Dr. Craig's office. Many of these were shot on safari by Peggy (Mrs. Craig).

Although proud of his lion, Dr. Craig's most prized trophy is a very rare "Inyala," which he shot during a safari in Mozambique in 1960. This is considered the rarest of the antelope species in Africa. The Inyala lives in dense, almost impenetrable bush, and can be seen only at dawn and dusk. It is a handsome animal, larger than a Shetland pony, and the male has long, sloping horns, streaks of white on his grey-blue coat, an impressive fringe on his throat and a proud carriage.

As Dr. Craig recalled his African sojourns with obvious relish, he added that he is looking forward to his next trip there which will be in August.

At left is Dr. Craig's most prized trophy, the Inyala. Below is the menacing plains lion which, in the form of a rug, has held court in the Hibbs Library.

## DR. L. A. MOUNT REVISITS HOPE

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and herniations of intervertebral discs), each time assisted by native doctors and nurses. He found them very cooperative, eager and quick to learn.

Accompanying Dr. Mount on the trip was his wife, Ruth. Like her husband, she is greatly interested in the aspirations of the HOPE and, during the Mounts' stay with the ship, taught English to Guineans and sent back to the United States information that could be used for press releases. At home she gives frequent lectures for HOPE.

## GREAT CHALLENGE

Dr. Mount expressed the opinion that in Guinea the HOPE is facing its greatest challenge to date. In the Latin American countries HOPE visited, the American medical ambassadors found some good hospitals, medical schools, a reasonable number of trained physicians, surgeons and paramedical personnel.

In Guinea, a former French colony which has been independent less than seven years, medical facilities, equipment, services and practitioners were found to be discouragingly scarce.

Diseases are rampant among the citizenry. "Almost everyone," said Dr. Mount, "has malaria and suffers from various parasites which get into the blood." There is a high incidence of leprosy, typhoid fever, venereal disease, yaws and tuberculosis. The nation has only about 80 native doctors (about 1 per 37,500 people, compared to 1 doctor for less than 750 people in the U. S.) and even fewer nurses, lab and X-ray technicians and other auxiliary personnel. There is no medical school, nor enough qualified doctors to staff one.

## EVERYTHING IS NEEDED

"The young nation's needs are overwhelming," said Dr. Mount. "They need everything: doctors, nurses, technicians, medical equipment, drugs. . ."

As a graphic illustration of the health and medical situation in Guinea, it might be mentioned that the World Health Organization earlier

had sent a team into the country, only to pull out in four months; they considered the nation's problems too many, the frustrations endless.

In the two best hospitals in Guinea (they were built by the French), an advanced group of HOPE personnel found some modern facilities, but a lack of general sanitation and screening. Dust everywhere. Surgical teams sometimes smoked in the operating rooms. Nurses were males who worked eight hours a day. There was no round the clock care of patients. No facilities for food preparation existed. Patients were fed food brought in by families or friends.

## AN ABLE LEADER

On the hopeful side of the scale, these facts weigh heavily. The emerging nation's President, Sekou Toure, is regarded as one of Africa's most promising leaders. He is determined that his people stand on their own feet, and improvements in the fields of hygiene, preventive medicine and health care rank high on his list of desired goals. HOPE doctors said that those in the medical and allied professions readily acknowledge their needs and shortcomings; moreover, they said, the Guineans exhibited "an almost unbelievable thirst for education."

## TEACHING AND WORKING

According to Dr. Mount, HOPE personnel are busily teaching and working with Guinean doctors and nurses, laboratory, X-ray and dental technicians and medical record librarians. He said that after HOPE has taught its lessons and leaves, it is anticipated that the limited number of Guinean doctors and others in the health field will be better equipped to care for the nation's sick.

As it did in Asia and Latin America, the famous floating hospital — medical school is winning considerable good will for the United States in an area where we can sorely use it, Dr. Mount said.

He added that some doctors and nurses will remain in Guinea after the HOPE departs in order to continue lending assistance in fields where the young nation needs help the most.

## OTHERS FROM HERE

Dr. Fritz Cramer, attending neurological surgeon, is now on his way home from Guinea after two months' service on HOPE. Dr. A. David Gurewitsch of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service, was with HOPE in Peru.



Dr. Craig sits under many of the trophies resulting from the Craigs' Safari.



## MILBANK LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE, MAY 3-31

Contributions of books are being sought by Milbank Library in conjunction with its annual Spring Book Sale, May 3-31.

Works of non-fiction are especially desired, although any books in good condition, including paperbacks, will be appreciated, according to Librarian Barbara Martin.

She pointed out that contributors of books to the library may deduct the fair value of such donations on their income tax returns.

"We know from past experience that we have buyers at the Medical Center for as many books as we are able to offer for sale," Miss Martin said.

Persons wishing to donate books should bring them to the Milbank Library, located on the 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase new books.



# Original Patient Lists Turn Up Rust-Stained, But Quite Legible

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Superintendent of the Presbyterian Hospital.

"Somebody wanted to learn the names of the first patients to be admitted to the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Moreover, it had been rumored that I had the list. In a moment of weakness I promised to deliver the names as soon as I could find them. For more than 20 years my search was unsuccessful.

## COMES THE HURRICANE

"The lists . . . had remained tucked away in one of my (old Presbyterian Hospital) books . . . until August, 1963. At that time they were discovered in Tobago, West Indies by my son Stephen. With good intent I carefully placed the two sheets of paper in my Tobago desk for safe keeping," Dr. Coburn continued.

"But then came Hurricane Flora on September 30, 1963. The roof of our home disappeared and the desk was left in fragments. A few pictures and bits of correspondence, which had been exposed to the rain for 10 days, were eventually dried in the sun and stuffed into Stephen's desk.

"Last week I revisited Tobago and there among the sun baked fragments were the long lost lists of patients transferred from the old Presbyterian Hospital to the new Medical Center. As you will note, the paper and ink are of such quality that their survival value can not be challenged.

## WIND FOR COMPANY

"The handwriting on these two sheets will be recognized, I believe, by the fair ladies (if still among the quick) who assisted Mr. Bush in disciplining the House Staff of 1928!"

Dr. Coburn recalled that the number of patients transferred was 38 and that beds in the new facilities were ready and waiting for them.

On a more personal note, he added: ". . . there had been one Hospital Resident sleeping for a week at the Medical Center. It was a big place in which to be alone all night when the March winds howled.

"Our Resident Physician's only contact, through a plug-in phone, was with the switchboard on H stem. There sat among the wires either Miss Henessy or Mrs. Barry. The prayer on those lonely nights was simply: 'May the Lord this night not let her fall asleep.'"

The resident physician, alone in the empty Medical Center with only the howling wind for company, was Dr. Alvin Coburn himself, younger by 37 years.

## 1st Private Patient A Charming Lady

Included in Dr. Coburn's letter is an anecdote concerning the first private patient to occupy a bed in Harkness Pavilion, a woman who, he said, "set a high standard for charm."

"This gracious lady was given an unusual ambulance route" from the old hospital to the Medical Center, Dr. Coburn wrote. "Oblivious of possible restrictions we entered Central Park on that crystal clear morning of March, 1928. For the first time in months our lady saw trees, shrubs and sunshine playing on the lakes.

## AN EYE OPENER

"Then we drove together . . . up Riverside Drive and admired the Hudson. A right turn was made at 165th Street and then I persuaded our patient with cardiac decompensation to close her eyes as we turned north on Fort Washington Avenue.

"There was no traffic that morning; so we stopped for a pause, and I placed another pillow under her head. Anna C. Maxwell opened her eyes and had her first vision of a brand new Nurses' Residence."

## Sgt. James Greene Will Fish A Lot And Root for Mets

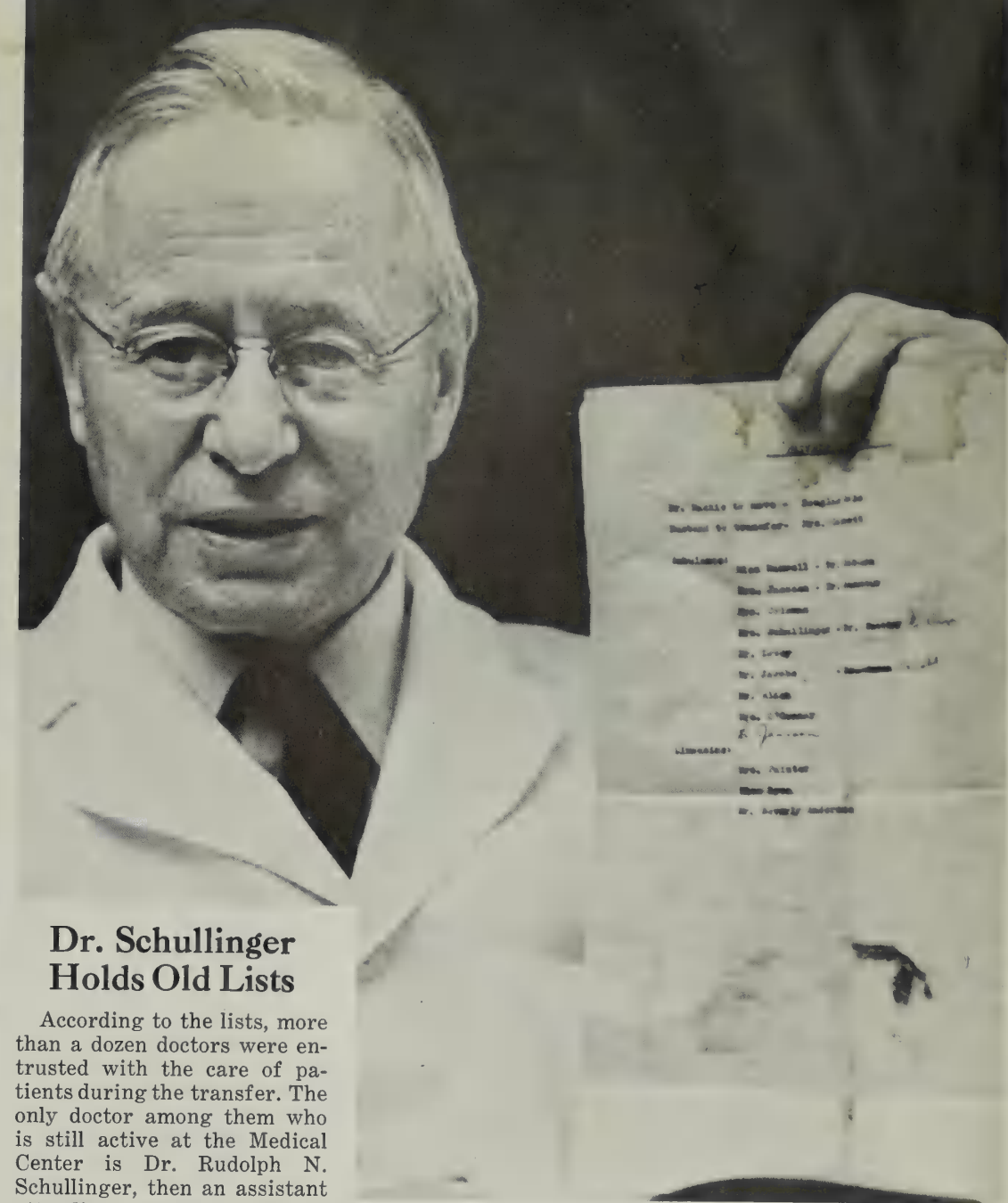
Sgt. James J. Greene, a member of the Presbyterian Hospital Protective Department for 15 years, retired February 28.

A native of Providence, R. I., Sergeant Greene came to the Medical Center as a special officer in January 1949. His most recent assignment was as duty sergeant from midnight to 8 a.m. at the main desk in Vanderbilt Clinic.

In retirement he plans to do a lot of fishing and to follow more closely the ups and downs of New York's fabulous Mets. "And," Jim added, "I have grandchildren who will keep me busy."

## MISS FRANCES MACGILVRAY RETIRES

Miss Frances MacGilvray, head of housekeeping at the Neurological Institute, has retired.



## Dr. Schullinger Holds Old Lists

According to the lists, more than a dozen doctors were entrusted with the care of patients during the transfer. The only doctor among them who is still active at the Medical Center is Dr. Rudolph N. Schullinger, then an assistant attending surgeon, now a consultant in surgery. He accompanied his mother, a private patient, during the ambulance ride to the new hospital facilities.

## Delafield Sets Just 2 Lectures For This Month

Because of the Easter holidays and various meetings, just two programs are scheduled for April in the Francis Delafield Hospital Saturday Scientific Lecture Series.

Paul O. P. Ts'o, Ph.D. of Johns Hopkins University will speak on "The Molecular Basis of Nucleic Acid Interaction" at 10 a.m. April 24 in the Delafield auditorium.

The lecturer on April 3 was Dr. Harry Eagle of Albert Einstein College of Medicine. His topic was "Cellular Contact and Metabolic Inhibition."

## Local Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau National Nursing Honor Society Initiates 67 Members March 15

Sixty seven students, faculty and alumni of the Nursing School were initiated into the Columbia chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the national nursing honorary society, during ceremonies March 15 in Maxwell Hall.

The local chapter was established last year, welcoming 87 as charter members.

### NEW MEMBERS

New initiates, listed by classes, are as follows:

Class of 1966: Patricia Archibald, Rosemary Arnold, Anabel Beck, Lois Coupe, Anna Draper, Kathryn Farnham, Jane Gerken, Carol Heinlein, Penelope Heyner, Muriel Hunter, Martita Marx, Jean Moss, Sally Ruffner, Ruby Sherman, Mildred Thomas, Elaine Varley and Lee Worfolk.

Class of 1965: Gretchen Coughlin, Elizabeth Hahn, Judith Hoekenga, Ruth Hoffmeister, Linda Kornet, Barbara McElroy, Karel Mortenson, Doreen Mulreany, Jane Padon, Carolyn Waldman Poole, Beth Tigel and Janet Yamaritino.

Class of 1961: Mila Swyers

Aroskar, Rosemary Cline Diulio, Faith Hawley Howarth, Sandra Kimmel Huseman, Nancy Reed Kellett, Joanne Schultz Raeber, Virginia Galvin Termine and Sally McCarthy Whelan.

Class of 1960: Pauline Blair, Sally Groff Campbell, Yvonne Corpuz Conrad, Libbyada Straver Estin, Maurine Woodhull Malovany, Hannah Rutter, Barbara Hang Selleck, Elizabeth Richard Sinks and Burwell Hillsman Thomas.

Class of 1959: Mary Wasson Britten, Rose Naughton and Sheila Penny Prohling.

Class of 1958: June Fiedler, Marion Fiske, Marilyn Hughes Horton, Margaret Tween Hueber, Margaret Smith McGovern, Sally Wilde Minton, Beverly McCarthy Newport, Lenore Gray Schmidt and Ruth Wooliscroft Villez.

Class of 1957: Barbara Shaw Abbott, Geraldine Golden Allerman, Maria Owens Ashworth, Dorothy Simpson Darion, Anne Bagley Kellett, Margery Matthews Nettleton, Mary Tovell and Mary Bouton Wilson.

Faculty: Ella Poslusny (M.A., 1958).



## Mead Johnson Award to Dr. L. S. James

Dr. L. Stanley James, Assistant Attending Pediatrician, has been awarded an E. Mead Johnson Award for 1965, it has been announced by the Awards Committee for the Mead Johnson Program for Pediatric Research of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The citation reads, "for the outstanding studies in respiratory physiology of the fetus and newborn infant and in its adaptation to extra-uterine life."

### Woman To Deliver XIV Gibson Lecture

THE XIV JOHN G. GIBSON, II Lecture will be given on April 15 at 5 p.m. in the Alumni Auditorium. Dr. Sylvia D. Lawler, M.B., B.S., M.D. of The Royal Marsden Hospital, London, England will deliver the talk on "Consideration of Human Individuality and its Relationship to Transfusion and Transplantation." Dr. Lawler is the first woman to deliver a Gibson Lecture.

### Doings of Doctors

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Committee of the Council of National Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS) which held its annual meeting in Paris on April 2nd. He left the country on Thursday, March 25th, and will present seminars in London and Copenhagen before attending the CIOMS meeting in Paris.

**DRS. J. LAWRENCE POOL**, Director of the Service of Neurological Surgery, and **D. GORDON POTTS**, Assistant Radiologist (Neurological Institute), are co-authors of a new book, "Aneurysms and Arteriovenous Anomalies of the Brain: Diagnosis and Treatment." It is published by Hoeber Medical Division, Harper & Row, New York. This book, more than three years in preparation, describes the incidence, etiology and common locations of intracranial aneurysms and angiomas, and the latest diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.

### William S. Gray

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Dunlop, three sons residing in Greenwich, Conn., William S., Jr., David D. and Gordon S., and a sister, Mrs. William F. Hencken, also of Greenwich. Another son, Lieutenant John Stuart Gray, was killed in action in Korea, 1953. There are eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were March 12 in Christ Church, Greenwich. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx.

This honor, one of the most coveted in the pediatric field, has been received in former years by three Medical Center doctors, the late Dr. Dorothy Andersen, Dr. William A. Silverman and Dr. Hattie E. Alexander.

The award, one of two annual presentations, will be given at the Academy's Annual Meeting in October at which time Dr. James will address the general session.

The award itself includes an honorarium of \$3,000, a sheepskin scroll, a certificate for framing, and travel expenses to and from the meeting for the recipients and the head of the department under whom the work is done.

### Hospital Trustee C. G. Mortimer Is 1965 Columbia-McKinsey Lecturer



**CHARLES G. MORTIMER**, chairman of General Foods Corporation and Trustee of Presbyterian Hospital, will deliver the Columbia-McKinsey Foundation Lectures for 1965 under the overall title "The Purposeful Pursuit of Profits and Growth in Business" at Low Memorial Library on Columbia Campus at 4:30 P.M., March 24, April 7 and April 28. The three talks will be published subsequently in book form.

### Dr. John Karefa-Smart

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minister of external affairs (foreign minister) and was chairman of the Sierra Leone delegation to the United Nations. He is first vice president of the executive board of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The director of the School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine has named a three-man Faculty Advisory Committee on International Health to assist Dr. Karefa-Smart in his new duties. The three are Dr. Herman E. Hilleboe, DeLamar Professor of Public Health Practice; Dr. Harold Brown, Professor of Parasitology, and Dr. Henry Sebrell, Robert R. Williams Professor of Public Health Nutrition.

Dr. Karefa-Smart received his undergraduate education in his homeland, then came to the United States to earn a B.S. in 1940 from Otterbein College, Ohio. He received his medical degree as well as the Diploma of Tropical Medicine from McGill University, Mont-

real, Canada. In 1948 he earned the degree of master of public health at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Otterbein and McGill have presented him honorary degrees of L.L.D.

Dr. Karefa-Smart's Columbia appointment was announced by Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

*Editor's Note: Dr. Karefa-Smart is the uncle of one of our nursing students, Miss Imodale Lesana Kelfa-Caulker. She is a second year student enrolled in our Group A program for women who already hold a bachelor's degree. Miss Karefa-Smart received a B.S. degree in 1963 from Otterbein College, a college at which her uncle had studied 25 years earlier.*



**George K. Nixon, R.T.**, Chief X-Ray technician in the Department of Radiology, is the recipient of the first award for 1965 of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association for his essay "phonocinefluorocardiography," which will be presented at the 4th International Convention of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and the Canadian Society of Radiological Technicians in June.

## 500 Register for Cancer Workshop Here May 10-14

An anticipated 500 doctors from all over the world will attend an International Workshop on Cancer of the Head and Neck May 10 through 14 at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Chairman for the five-day workshop is Dr. John J. Conley, attending otolaryngologist at Presbyterian Hospital and clinical professor of otolaryngology at P&S.

An internationally-recognized faculty of more than 70 specialists representing the fields of general surgery, otolaryngology, plastic surgery, dental surgery, pathology, radiation therapy and chemotherapy will present the course. These specialists come from all over the United States and from Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, Venezuela, England, France, Germany, Sweden and Portugal.

The workshop will cover all pertinent aspects of the management of head and neck cancers in a program of lectures, panel discussions, question and answer sessions and motion picture demonstrations.

Proceedings will be published after the meetings.

### Rising Costs Dictate Library's Decision To Levy Modest Fees

Because of rising expenses involved, it has been decided to initiate modest rental charges on books borrowed from Milbank Library by personnel and staff members of Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University.

The new ruling will not pertain to our patients, who may continue to borrow books at no charge.

#### RATES ARE LISTED

Effective April 15, rental charges on books borrowed from the library by personnel and staff will be as follows:

1. New books may be borrowed at the rate of five cents per calendar day.
2. Regular Collection: fiction and non-fiction: ten cents for two weeks.
3. Mysteries: five cents for two weeks.
4. Overdue books: five cents per calendar day for books kept past date due.

These rates are almost comparable to those of public libraries, but lower than those of book rental shops.

Money realized from these charges will be used to help offset the cost of running Milbank Library and keeping it stocked with a wide selection of the best of the older and newest books.

## 25 Year Club

### Members Now Total Over 750

A very distinguished class of 38 employees, members of the professional staff and of the various women's auxiliaries will be received into the Medical Center's 25 Year Club during the annual banquet on May 6 in Bard Hall.

Festivities will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner. Toastmaster will be attending neurologist Dr. Rollo J. Masselink, who is completing a one-year term as club president. New officers will be elected at the banquet.

The initiates will increase the club's membership to just over the 750 mark.

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members of the committee planning for the annual event are Jane Smelser and Dr. Lester A. Mount, reception; Dr. Harrison L. McLaughlin, nominating; Doris Ballard and George H. Briggs, arrangements; Mrs. Harriet Deleuran, entertainment, and Harold F. Liscombe, publicity.

Among members of this year's incoming class are two Directors of Service, Dr. John K. Lattimer of Urology and Dr. Frank E. Stinchfield of Orthopedic Surgery, as well as an Associate Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. George A. Perera.

#### AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Auxiliary members being initiated are Mrs. Ralph Boots of the Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs. Leo C. Fennelly, Mrs. Herman L. Hoops and Miss Dorothy Mills, all of the Babies Hospital Board of Women Managers, and Mrs. Byron Stookey of the Neurological Institute Auxiliary.

Others scheduled for 25 Year Club membership are:

Dr. Alice T. Baker, assistant physician; Lorraine Chapman, Vanderbilt Clinic; Winifred Davis, private duty nurse; Herbert O. Elftman, Ph.D., professor of anatomy, P&S; Mrs. Margaret Ferris, Nursing; Rose Florio, Doctors' Offices; Mrs. Mary F. Gaughan, telephone operator; Elizabeth Gievers, Doctors' Offices, Neurological Institute; Lawrence E. Gottlieb, Animal Care, P&S, and Mrs. Muriel C. Harris, Food Service.

MRS. HERMAN L. HOOPS





# Welcomes 38 At Annual Banquet



DR. JOHN K. LATTIMER



MISS MARY E. WINDROW



DR. ALICE T. BAKER



DR. GEORGE C. HENNIG



DR. GEORGE A. PERERA



MISS ELIZABETH GIEVERS



DR. ELIZABETH UFFORD



HERBERT O. ELFTMAN, Ph.D.



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MISS WINIFRED DAVIS



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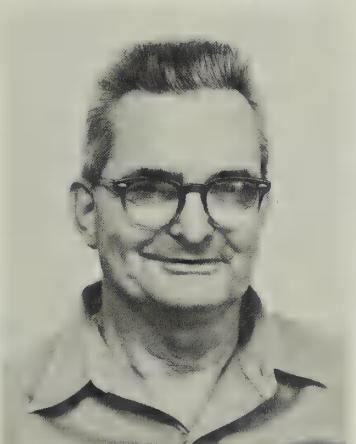
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DR. BELA MARQUIT



MRS. ALINE WILDRICK



LAWRENCE E. GOTTLIEB



DR. PHILLIP POLATIN



MISS ALMA WALL



MISS ROSE FLORIO

## Other New Members

Also, Eva M. Hartley, Nursing; Dr. George C. Hennig, assistant physician; Sigrid Johnson, Record Room; Albert Katona, School of Dental and Oral Surgery; Inez E. Klinck, assistant to the dean, College of Physicians and Surgeons; Dr. Robert A. Kritzer, assistant attending physician; Dr. Bela Marquit, assistant at-

tending otolaryngologist, and Dr. Walter L. Mitchell, Jr., assistant pediatrician.

Also, Dr. Phillip Polatin, attending psychiatrist; Mrs. Cecilia Rauch, private duty nurse; Dr. Edward B. Schlesinger, attending neurological surgeon; Elizabeth Schreier, Nursing; Dr. Milton Singer, assistant attending pediatri-

cian; Dr. Alfred Steiner, assistant physician; Dr. Elizabeth Ufford, assistant pediatrician; Alma R. Wall, private duty nurse; Mrs. Louise Wichman, nurse, V.C. Emergency Service; Mrs. Aline P. Wildrick, Doctors' Offices; Mary E. Windrow, assistant director of nursing (Medicine & Surgery), and Dr. David Zeisler, assistant clinical professor of stomatology, School of Dental and Oral Surgery.



MISS SIGRID JOHNSON



Dr. Stinchfield and Friend



# Within 3 Days: Brain Surgery & A Healthy Son

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There exist today within the medical profession conflicting opinions concerning the wisdom of performing brain surgery on a pregnant woman.

Two clear and pertinent facts for consideration in this context stand out in the New Jersey housewife's unusual experience:

1. She was physically capable of a normal delivery so soon after brain surgery;

2. Her baby, a healthy 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  pound boy, suffered no ill effects whatever from the operation or the anesthesia.

These facts lend strong support to the opinion held by the Medical Center neurosurgeon who operated on Mrs. Van Orden, Dr. J. Lawrence Pool, Director of the Service of Neurological Surgery.

## OPERATE PROMPTLY

It is Dr. Pool's belief that aneurysms which rupture in a patient who is pregnant deserve prompt surgical treatment—just as if the patient were not pregnant. If this is not done, he believes, the possibility of death to the mother, as well as her baby, is appallingly likely.

Dr. Pool bases his conclusion, which he reports in a paper recently published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, on 37 authenticated cases of women who had aneurysms that bled during pregnancy. He obtained data on these cases through personal experience, a study of the literature, and answers to inquiries sent to other neurosurgeons.

Of the 37 cases in this report, 26 received surgical treatment of their aneurysms;

only 2 of these died. The other 11 aneurysm patients had no surgery and were treated only by bed rest. Of these 11, 8 died of a subsequent hemorrhage.

There were only two fetal deaths among the 26 cases for whom surgery was performed, one of these due to a therapeutic abortion some years ago. Among the 11 cases in which patients were treated by bed rest only, there were 5 fetal fatalities. Four live babies in this group, however, were delivered by emergency cesarian section from moribund mothers.

Weighing these statistics, Dr. Pool concluded:

"Data presented indicates that death from recurrent hemorrhages may occur unless an intracranial aneurysm that has ruptured during pregnancy is surgically treated with reasonable promptness.

"Since the aneurysm may bleed again at any time it seems wiser to treat the lesion as promptly as possible, just as if the patient were not pregnant, rather than to procrastinate and thus court a potential fatality."

Dr. Pool's personal experience in this area is based upon four cases, all of whom had surgical treatment.

Surgery on two of three earlier patients was aided by hypothermia, a process in which the patient is wrapped in a special cooling blanket, which lowers the body temperature until a state of hibernation is induced (at about 84 degrees fahrenheit). At this temperature the body's metabolism is slowed down, including the brain's demand for oxygen.

All these women tolerated the aneurysm surgery well and their babies were born healthy, two by normal delivery at the Medical Center, one by cesarian section elsewhere. These cases have been followed for 8, 6 and 3 years respectively.

## MOST UNUSUAL CASE

Dr. Pool's fourth case in this category, the most recent and most unusual, was that of Mrs. Van Orden.

After Mrs. Van Orden's unexpected and frightening collapse on the Sunday morning last autumn, her days and nights were filled with pain. "My head pounded so violently that my whole body shook," she said.

She first spent three days at bed rest in a nearby hospital. Back home, Mrs. Van Orden's severe headaches persisted. On a Friday almost a month after the initial attack, she experienced severe nausea and a feeling she described as "Peculiar, almost as if I weren't me."

"I was trying to convince myself I should get up to prepare supper, but I just couldn't do it. I called my husband at work and asked him to please come home."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Academy Award-winning actress Patricia Neal recently underwent dramatic aneurysm surgery during pregnancy (see TIME Magazine, March 26, 1965). It may interest Stethoscope readers to learn that the neurosurgeon who operated on her in California, Dr. Charles Carton, received his training here at Neurological Institute.

When Tom Van Orden arrived, he noticed immediately that something was wrong with his wife's right eye. The eyelid was almost completely shut.

The next morning Mrs. Van Orden was examined by a neurosurgeon. Because he suspected, correctly, that she had an expanding aneurysm, one apt to rupture at any time, he had her admitted to the Neurological Institute at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Rushed to the Neurological Institute by Oakland's Voluntary Ambulance Corps, Mrs. Van Orden checked in at five minutes after noon on Saturday, November 28.

Her headache was unbearable. "I told the doctors I wanted a new head," she said. "After my own had given me constant pain for a month, I was ready to trade it in."

## CONSULT OBSTETRICIAN

Because Mrs. Van Orden was in an advanced stage of pregnancy, Dr. Pool called in C. Paul O'Connell, assistant attending obstetrician and gynecologist. Dr. O'Connell stated that delivery might come at any time, but advised prompt surgical treatment of the suspected aneurysm.

An arteriogram, an X-ray study of blood vessels within the head, was promptly performed (during which the patient's abdomen was covered with a lead apron to protect her unborn baby from stray X-rays). The films clearly revealed the existence and location of an aneurysm.

Less than five hours after her admission, Mrs. Van Orden was wheeled into the operating room. Surgery began at 4:55 p.m.

During the operation, the aneurysm site was exposed and special temporary clips were applied to blood vessels within the head, leading to the aneurysm, to reduce the blood flow. Then a permanent, non-slipping clip, designed by Dr. Pool, was clamped into place, obliterating the aneurysm.



A. J. BINKERT

## GNY Fund Drive Begins Here May 6

The Greater New York Fund 1965 campaign at the Presbyterian Hospital will begin with a kick-off rally on May 6 at 10 a.m. in the 4th floor amphitheatre in Babies Hospital, it has been announced by Dr. C. R. Wise, chairman.

This meeting of campaign workers from all departments will be addressed by Mr. A. J. Binkert, executive vice president of the Hospital, and a campaign film will be shown.

## 77% PARTICIPATION

Last year the Hospital raised the record amount of \$12,509 with 77% employee participation, leading all of the hospitals taking part in this drive to support 425 health and welfare agencies in New York City.

Presbyterian Hospital shares in the distribution of the Fund and last year received \$135,909.

## A SON IS BORN

By 6:55 p.m., surgery was completed.

Thirty-six hours later, Mrs. Van Orden was sitting up in bed. She smoked, played solitaire, and twice got out of bed and walked about in her room.

That evening, Mrs. Van Orden began experiencing labor pains. At 8 a.m. the next day (December 1), just 61 hours after the completion of her brain surgery, she was delivered by Dr. O'Connell of a baby boy. Later she enjoyed a well earned lunch and got out of bed unassisted.

Commented Dr. Pool: "Without prompt surgical treatment, Mrs. Van Orden's aneurysm would almost surely have ruptured with a fatal outcome, possibly before or during delivery. Because the aneurysm was securely clipped, cesarian section was not deemed necessary."

On December 6, just 8 days after her surgery and 5 days after giving birth, Mrs. Van Orden walked out of the hospital here carrying her little red-haired, blue-eyed son, Tommy, in her arms.

A month later she successfully underwent an appendectomy.

**BUILT LIKE A BUNKER:** So solidly constructed was the Betatron Building at the Medical Center that for two weeks it withstood all efforts to demolish it. Mechanized giant jaws of steel tore at it, ponderous metal balls battered it, dynamite blasts jolted it. Its concrete resisted jackhammers and sledge hammers, its steel defied acetylene torches. Finally, stubbornly it yielded. Adjacent to its former site (plus additional area underground) will rise the new Radiotherapy Center.







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## President's Annual Report:

**OPERATING COSTS**  
**\$35,430,889 IN '64**

During 1964 the Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York provided 474,703 days of care for 40,398 in-patients from all over the world, according to Augustus C. Long, president of the hospital's Board of Trustees.

The total number of patients admitted was the highest in the hospital's history.

There were, in addition, 399,373 out-patient visits to Vanderbilt Clinic, of which 118,755 were free and the others only partly paid for.

The operating cost for the year, \$35,430,889, was the highest ever; of this amount, \$20,732,000 was paid employees in salaries. The hospital's 1964 operating loss was \$3,002,128, which was met through income from endowment and gifts.

(It is significant to note in this context that the hospital's operating cost has more than doubled in a decade. Just 10 years ago, it cost Presbyterian \$16,728,000, including \$9,974,000 in salaries, to provide its services.)

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AUGUSTUS C. LONG

## Mrs. E. Gerry Named Trustee

Mrs. Edward H. Gerry of Westbury, Long Island, prominent for many years in hospital and social service activities, was elected April 15 to the Board of Trustees of The Presbyterian Hospital.

Her election was announced by Augustus C. Long, President of the Hospital. Mrs. Gerry has been a Corporation member of Presbyterian Hospital since 1951.

She joins four other women on the Board: Mrs. B. Rionda Braga, Mrs. Frederic F. deRham, Mrs. Henry C. Taylor and Mrs. Sheldon Whitehouse.

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## Nurses Graduation In Garden June 2nd

Graduation exercises for the 142 members of our School of Nursing's Class of 1965 are scheduled for 4 p.m. June 2 (Wednesday) in the Medical Center garden.

Presiding over the traditionally impressive ceremonies will be Roger M. Blough, Trustee of Presbyterian Hospital and Chairman of the Board of United States Steel Corporation.

Dr. Willard Cole Rappleye, Dean Emeritus of Columbia University's Faculty of Medicine, will deliver the address.

The present Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. H. Houston Merritt, will present nursing diplomas to the graduates. Nursing pins will be awarded by Miss Elizabeth S. Gill, Associate Dean (Nursing), assisted by Mrs. Frederic F. deRham, a Trustee of Presbyterian Hospital and longtime friend and supporter of the Department of Nursing.

Other participants include the Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Jr., Rabbi Marvin J. Goldfine and Father Guy S. Vinci, all of the Hospital Chaplain's Department.

### IN CASE OF RAIN

In case of rain, the ceremonies will be held in the new Alumni Auditorium on 168th Street.

Earlier in Graduation Week, class members will attend a Baccalaureate Service at 4 p.m. May 30 (Sunday) in St. Paul's Chapel. At 3 p.m. June 1 (Tuesday) they will receive degrees of bachelor of science in nursing on the campus of Columbia University.

### ALUMNAE DAY JUNE 1

Alumnae Day for returning graduates of the nursing school is also set for June 1. The program includes registration.

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## Plastic Corneas Help Some Who Are Blind

Useful sight in certain persons who otherwise would face a life of blindness is being achieved at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center through the implantation in their eyes of tiny plastic "windows."

These sight-saving devices are artificial corneas, created here in the laboratory of Dr. Hernando Cardona, Assistant in Ophthalmology.

To date these plastic corneas have been inserted into the eyes of some 100 patients. Twenty-eight of the surgical procedures were performed here, the rest in other Manhattan hospitals.

The implants have produced improved vision in 61 of the men and women who have received them. Of this group, 28 are capable of reading newspaper-sized type, a number of them without glasses.

Research work on plastic corneas has been carried on for more than four years by Dr. Cardona at the Medical Center's Institute of Ophthalmology, popularly known as the Eye Institute.

Through continual improvement of his product, he has succeeded in evolving a prosthesis (artificial cornea) which is exquisitely small, clear as crystal and non-irritating to the human eye.

They are surgically implanted in the center of a patient's cornea, anchored by a button-like plastic plate which extends out from the optical cylinder. The operation requires about 20 minutes.

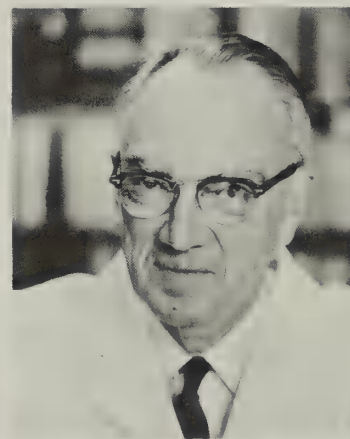
### FOUR YEARS OF USE

Some of these artificial corneas have been tolerated by patients for up to four years with no irritation or other ill effect to the eye.

Each prosthesis to be used on a patient is handmade in Dr. Cardona's laboratory. Because plastics commercially available were found to be irritating to the eye, a special pure plastic is used.

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## Dr. H. C. Taylor Elected by Amer. College



Dr. Howard Canning Taylor, Jr. is the President Elect of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. His election took place April 7 at the College's Annual Clinical Congress in San Francisco and his term as president will begin after the annual meeting in 1966.

Since 1946 Dr. Taylor has been Director of the Service of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Presbyterian Hospital and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

He is a past president of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics, the American Gynecological Society and the American Cancer Society.

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DR. WILLARD C. RAPPLEYE

Will deliver address at Nurses' Graduation.



DR. HERNANDO CARDONA

Studying artificial cornea he developed.



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## STETHOSCOPIA

### WEDDING MARCH

*Judith Boledovich*, R.N. in Harkness, will be married to Mr. Ronald DePaola on May 15 in Detroit.

*Constance Swackhammer*, R.N., head nurse, in the PH Operating Room, recently became the bride of Mr. Kurt Putz, a graduate engineering student.

Dr. Kenneth McIntosh, son of Dr. and Mrs. *Rustin McIntosh*, married Miss Margaret Vance Means of Locust, N. J. in the Appleton Chapel of Harvard University. Dr. Rustin McIntosh is professor emeritus of pediatrics at P&S.

*Anita Victor* R.N. on Harkness 5, married Mr. Bruce Bernardo on April 11.

### ENGAGED

*Bonnie Matzo*, R.N. on PH 9, will marry Mr. Ronald Nevrla on September 25. Her fiance is employed as a computer system associate at Western Electric.

*Knight Steel*, fourth year student at P&S, will marry *Elizabeth Phillips de Roode* of New York City, who will be graduated from the School of Nursing next month. The couple plan a June wedding.

*Richard Frank*, second year student at P&S, and Miss *Roberta Lynn Baeber* of Jamaica Estates, Queens, are engaged.

### WELCOME

*Mary McClane* to the School of Nursing Alumnae Office.

### NOTES OF INTEREST

*Alberta Choate*, Secretary in Dr. Schullinger's office, *Lucy Thomas* in Professional Services office and *Anne Lubrecht*, tour hostess, have joined the Business and Professional Women's Club.

*Mrs. Violet Bonta*, nursing aid on BH-10, has a budding medical scientist in her family. Daughter Carmen, a sophomore at Mother Cabrini High School, has recently received considerable recognition for her work with skin grafting on mice. She learned the technique here from *Mrs. Arlene Ozerkis*, a technician in laboratory of Dr. James G. Chandler. Carmen's skin grafting project earned her the National Prize at the American Institute Science Fair (April 2-3) and first prize at the Catholic Science Council Science Fair (April 10). She is representing Manhattan at the National-International Science Fair in St. Louis, May 5-9, and this summer, as one of 25 students selected from all over the country, she will participate in a program of bio-medical research sponsored by National Science Foundation at Yeshiva University.

### HAPPY VACATIONERS

*Corinne Dallin*, PH X-Ray, will visit Puerto Rico the end of this month. This is her second trip to this island.

## In Memoriam

### MRS. MURIEL SEEBE

Mrs. Muriel Seebe, a Volunteer at the Hospital since November 1953, died here on April 2. Interment was in Mansfield, Mass. A Memorial Service was held in Christ Chapel at Riverside Church, New York City on April 7.

A gifted artist, Mrs. Seebe used her talents to teach and entertain patients. She made sketches of patients which she presented to them, as well as encouraging those who were interested in drawing and painting.

Active on the Art Committee, Mrs. Seebe designed many posters for the two annual art projects. She served as a hostess during the annual Art Exhibit and as a judge of the Christmas Window Painting Contest.

Survivors include her husband, Roger Seebe, a daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Manser, and four grandchildren.

## Pediatric Society Soon Will Honor Dr. John Caffey

The highest honor of the American Pediatric Society will be bestowed on Dr. John Caffey, Babies Hospital's retired pediatric radiologist, on May 7 in Philadelphia.

He has been selected to receive the Society's 1965 Howland medal and award (\$5,000). The annual presentation honors "those who, by their contributions to pediatrics, have aided in its advancement," and it signifies a lifetime of achievements during an entire professional career.

Dr. Caffey's career in pediatrics began in 1924 in the old Babies Hospital. Except for a 10-month leave for a professional visit to Honolulu in 1927, he remained with Babies until his retirement in July 1960.

He is perhaps best known for his textbook, "Pediatric X-ray Diagnosis," first published in 1945, now going into its 5th edition. A standard text in all parts of the world,

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## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

**DR. THOMAS V. SANTULLI**, Attending Surgeon and Chief of the Pediatric Surgical Service, was elected President of the New York Chapter of the Surgical Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics, at their recent meeting.

**DR. JAMES A. WOLFF**, Associate Attending Pediatrician, participated in a televised clinical science seminar on Blood Dyscrasia in Infants and Adolescents at the New York Academy of Medicine and **DR. JOHN H. McCLEMENT**, Associate Professor of Medicine, P&S, was on the program on Tuberculosis.

**DR. JOHN J. SCIARRA**, Research Fellow, Obstetrics and Gynecology has received the Carl G. Hartman Award of the American Society for the Study of Sterility for 1965. The award presented in San Francisco, is given to a resident in training, or not more than one year after concluding his residency in Obs-Gyn, for meritorious research in the field of reproductive physiology. It is a prize of \$750 and will be used by Dr. Sciarra to attend meetings and visit medical and research centers of his choice. Dr. Sciarra also presented a paper at the recent 47th Annual Meeting of the American Radium Society.

**DR. KARLIS ADAMSONS, JR.**, Assistant Attending in Obstetrics and Gynecology, served as a consultant to the Laboratory of Perinatal Physiology of the National Institutes of Health at San Juan, P. R. recently. He also lectured at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and presented a paper to the 13th Annual Clinical Meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in San Francisco. While there he participated in a closed circuit TV program of the College on intrauterine, intraperitoneal fetal transfusions.

**DR. DAVID H. BAKER**, Director of Radiology, Babies Hospital, presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the European Society of Pediatric Radiologists, in Stockholm Sweden. He also attended the Postgraduate Course in Pediatric Roentgenology at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, Ind. and presented five papers at the Course.



Dr. John K. Lattimer



Dr. Albert B. Ferguson, Jr.

**DR. ALBERT B. FERGUSON, JR.**, Silver Professor and Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh Medical School and Health Center, was the visiting professor at The New York Orthopaedic Hospital, April 26-May 1. During this week of seminars, conferences and ward rounds as well as outpatient clinics, Dr. Ferguson presented a lecture on "Hip Osteotomy in the Treatment of Osteoarthritis" at the 99th annual reunion of The New York Orthopaedic Hospital Alumni Association.

The Annual Spring Meeting of the alumni, wives and friends of the Association of Dental Alumni, will be held at Ferris Booth Hall, Columbia University campus, May 20 at 8:00 p.m.

**DR. JOHN K. LATTIMER**, Director of Urology, is in New Orleans attending the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Genito-Urinary Surgeons, taking place there May 4-8. Immediately following this meeting he will attend the Annual Meeting of the American Urological Association which takes place May 10-13.

**DR. JOHN CONLEY**, Attending Otolaryngologist, is director of The International Workshop on Cancer of the Head and Neck being held at P&S May 1-14.

**DR. ANNA L. SOUTHAM**, Associate Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, was in Indonesia recently at the invitation of the Deputy Minister of Health, as a guest of the Indonesian Family Planning Association, and gave lectures on birth control methods and the treatment of infertility at medical schools in Djakarta, Palenbang, Bandung and Medan.

## William Dempsey, Attendant, Retires After 16 Years Here

William Dempsey, assistant to the supervisor of the Attendant Department, has retired after almost 18 years of service at Presbyterian Hospital.

Bill had been affiliated with hospitals for over 30 years, beginning as an orderly in 1924 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. During World War II he was a first aid man at a steel mill in New Jersey.

On Aug. 22, 1947 he began his employment here as an orderly. He has always worked evenings and nights.

### HE ROOTS FOR METS

Bill is married and makes his home in the Bronx. He has four married children and seven grandchildren, all living in the Greater New York area.

In addition to visiting with his grandchildren, he plans to spend his leisure walking, swimming (he learned at age 4), and helping to cheer our marvelous Mets out of the National League cellar.



Dr. John Caffey



## Annual Exhibit, Always Popular, Runs until May 14

Medical Center artists have 125 works entered in the 15th Annual Medical Center Arts and Crafts Show on display through May 14 in the Library Annex, located on the 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

The exhibition of sculpture, paintings, sketches, crafts and photography by personnel and members of the staff is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except for Wednesdays, when the exhibit opens at 8 a.m. for the convenience of those on night duty. On Saturday, May 8, the hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A preview tea for artists and their guests was held Monday afternoon with Mrs. A. J. Binkert and Mrs. H. Houston Merritt as hostesses.



Dolores Ferris, secretary in the assistant dean's office, College of Physicians and Surgeons, exhibits two of her paintings entered in the 15th Annual Art Show.

## BOOKS FOR SALE

In conjunction with this year's art show, Milbank Library is holding a book sale through May 31.

Persons who wish to contribute books for the sale should bring them to the library on the 20th floor of Presbyterian. The fair value of books donated is tax-deductible, according to Librarian Barbara Martin.

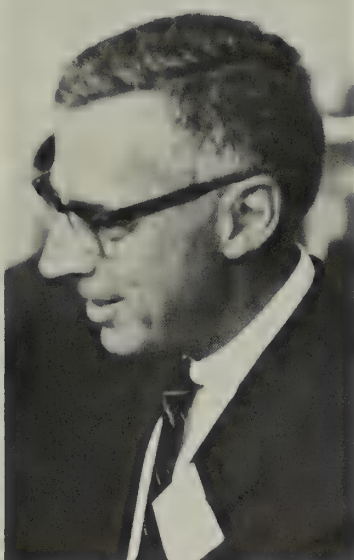
## Mrs. M. Kaufmann Served Harkness, IOPH 20 Years

After almost 20 years as an employee here, Mrs. Marguerite Kaufmann, typist and receptionist in the Optical Shop of the Eye Institute, retired on May 5.

Mrs. Kaufmann, who describes herself as "a Down-Easter from Portland, Maine," began her work here Aug. 1, 1945 as evening registrar in Harkness Pavilion. She held that position for 10 years before transferring to the Eye Institute.

A widow for 10 years, she is the mother of two sons: Donald, a captain in the Air Force, and Charles, an advertising account executive for Schick Injector Razors. She has six grandchildren.

Her outside activities center around her church and her volunteer work as a typist for the Fordham University alumni magazine. Her son Charles is a former president of the Fordham alumni.



Dr. George A. Perera

## "Always Have Pride" Dean Perera Urges Puerto Rican Students

Dr. George A. Perera, Associate Dean and professor of medicine, recently addressed a group of high school and college students of Puerto Rican origin on career opportunities in medicine.

Aware of the adjustments necessary in adapting to their new environment, Dr. Perera stressed the shortage of Puerto Rican physicians and nurses in the metropolitan community and encouraged them in regard to the educational facilities and career choices available to them.

## AN ENVIABLE ASSET

"You should always have pride in your background, look upon your bilingual knowledge as an enviable asset, and know that your opportunities to fulfill your role in society are equal to any," he said.

## Delafield Presents Final Lecture May 8

The final program in the Delafield Hospital 1964-65 series of Saturday morning scientific lectures will be presented at 10 a.m. May 8 in the hospital's auditorium, 99 Fort Washington Ave.

Scheduled lecturer is Sarah E. Stewart, Ph.D., M.D., of the National Institutes of Health. Her topic: "Virus in Human Lymphomas and Related Viruses in Other Mammals."

The series of scientific programs, supported by New York City Division, American Cancer Society, will be resumed on September 25.

## They Came From Katmandu, Barcelona, Soerabaja, Too

Almost 1,200 visitors from all over the United States as well as 63 foreign countries were conducted on guided tours of the Medical Center last year, according to Mrs. Anne Lubrecht, tour hostess.

These guests included numerous physicians, surgeons and nurses, as well as hospital administrators, architects, dentists and dental hygienists, physical and recreation therapists, social workers, dietetic interns, laboratory and X-ray technicians, medical and nursing students, guidance counselors, future doctors and future nurses, volunteers, patients and families of patients.

## APRIL WAS BUSY

The busiest month for the tour hostess was April, when 247 persons, including a group of 85 doctors from Japan, toured the Medical Center. February was the slowest month, although we were vis-

ited by a fine group of students from Jamaica, Colombia, Japan, Indonesia, Sierra Leone and the Congo.

In March the Italian Minister of Health, accompanied by an escort and interpreter, came to inspect us; in May we greeted, among 151 visitors, medical school deans from Bolivia and Iraq, a number of doctors from the Ivory Coast, 45 technicians from Scandinavia, Germany, Switzerland and The Netherlands, 12 nurses from Sweden, and 10 European exchange students.

## THOSE FAR AWAY PLACES

Eighteen medical students from eight Latin American countries came calling in June; throughout the summer the visitors kept arriving, including men and women from places with such exotic names as Barcelona, Guadeloupe, Surinam, Soerabaja (Java) and Katmandu (Nepal).

In September the Medical Center was host to two doctors from behind the Iron Curtain, one from East Germany, the other from Roumania.

Sixty six foreign doctors visited us in October, the same month when we greeted medical students from Canada and Germany. And in November we received the president of the Nippon Medical College, Tokyo, Japan.

## A GAP IN THE CURTAIN

The Iron Curtain opened again at year's end and we welcomed a doctor from Warsaw, Poland, accompanied by the former minister of health of Czechoslovakia (now a member of the Czech Presidium) and a U. S. State Department escort. We also were able to show our facilities to a group of very interested young people, 14 members of the Future Physicians Club of Rye, N. Y.

## Alonzo Del'Etoile, Porter for 28 Years, Retires on May 28

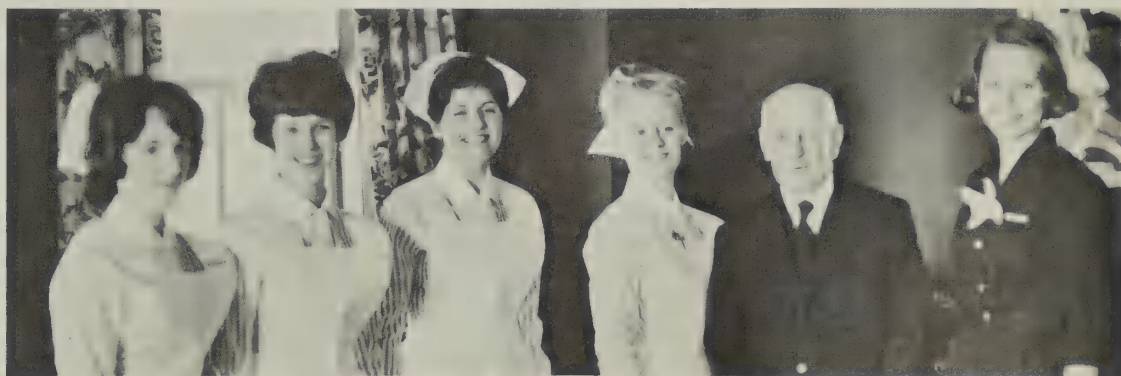
Alonzo Del'Etoile, a member of the Medical Center's 25 Year Club since 1962, will retire on May 28.

A porter with the housekeeping staff assigned to the Eye Institute, he began his employment July 1, 1937 with the old New York Orthopaedic Hospital, then located on 59th Street.

He came here in December 1950 when the Orthopaedic Hospital became a unit of the Medical Center.

A lover of music, the Chicago-born Mr. Del'Etoile has a fine collection of records which brings him considerable enjoyment.

## Frederick Sturges Lunches With "His" Nursing Students



Mr. Sturges, 90, an honorary member of our nursing alumnae association, continues a family tradition of interest in the welfare of Presbyterian Hospital which dates back almost a century to 1868 when his grandfather was an incorporator at the founding of the hospital. Mr. Sturges' father was once president of the hospital. From left in the picture above are Phyllis Parrow, Martita Marx, Andrea Basta, Marielyce Barclay, Mr. Sturges and Alvina Nielsen.





Right at the moment, it's just a big hole in the ground. On this site, however, will rise the Medical Center's \$1.5 million radiotherapy center, designed to house radiotherapy facilities now located in five different areas of the hospital. Scheduled for completion at the end of this year, it will triple the hospital's capacity for radiotherapy treatments.

## President's Annual Report

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These statistics are included in Mr. Long's presidential message in the sixth combined Annual Report of The Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Just off the presses, this 316-page edition contains the annual reports of all the various heads of departments and services at the Presbyterian Hospital and at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

Mr. Long pointed out that one of the most vital concerns to the American public today is the rising cost of hospital care, so well illustrated by the fact that in just 10 years the cost of operating the Presbyterian Hospital has increased by 112 per cent, while the labor cost has risen by 108 per cent.

### Dr. John Caffey

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it is generally considered authoritative in radiographic diagnosis in infants and children.

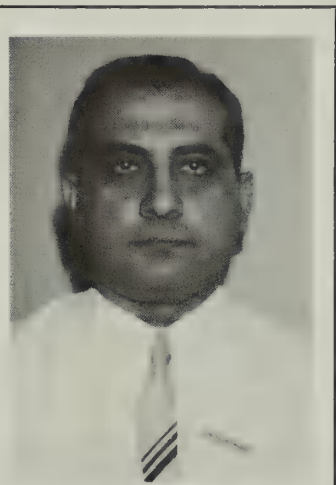
His original observations of radiographic changes in the skeleton of mechanically injured children (even when parents deny inflicting injury on the child) have been largely responsible for recognition of an entity now popularly known as the "battered child syndrome."

At the 75th anniversary reunion of Babies Hospital, Dr. Caffey received the Distinguished Service Medal of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, the highest honor this institution bestows.

"These increases," he explained, "are the result of more and costlier supplies required in modern patient care, and progressive personnel policies and wage increases."

"It is important that both hospitals and the public understand as completely as possible the socio-economic reasons behind the cost of good hospital care," Mr. Long continued.

"Economics and quality in



DR. JULIUS TARSIS, assistant clinical professor of orthodontics, School of Dental & Oral Surgery, has been appointed dental liaison to the Peace Corps, representing the American Dental Association in this area.

He will oversee the dental needs of the Peace Corps Volunteers during their training period at Columbia or other New York area universities that may be designated later.

hospital care are inseparable. Hospitals must provide the most competent and dedicated personnel for patient care. To achieve this, we must keep pace with the personnel practices and benefits provided to employees in American industry.

"Progress in hospital care requires increasing numbers of qualified people to serve patients because of the complex and vast array of new scientific facilities at the disposal of patients in the modern hospital. One consequence of this is that hospital labor cost amounts to approximately 70 per cent of the total operating cost.

#### "ADAPT TO PROGRESS"

"Furthermore, the demand for more and better hospital facilities increases proportionately with scientific advances and expanding health insurance. In the early days of this century, hospitals were primarily havens to comfort the sick. While hospitals can never cease to be havens of comfort for the sick, today's hospital has made tremendous strides in increasing its ability to restore health. This intensifies the responsibility of the modern hospital to continually adapt to progress if it is to fulfill its obligation of providing for the relief and prevention of human suffering.

"It is incumbent upon society to support adequately this endeavor to insure its success. For Presbyterian Hospital, such support has been outstanding. Many interested friends participate generously in our stewardship to humanity."

## ARTIFICIAL CORNEAS

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The prosthesis is so tiny (the optical cylinder only  $\frac{1}{4}$  the circumference of a pencil eraser), it is difficult to realize that each is made up of four

separate lenses. These are strongly joined by vapors rising from the same pure plastic as it is heated.

In the earlier days of his work here, Dr. Cardona took pictures through each prosthesis to determine what the patient would see. This is rarely done today, because the devices are so uniform in quality.

### Hope To Return As A Volunteer Says Elsie Fisher

Elsie H. Fisher may be retiring, but she has no intention of severing her many ties with Presbyterian Hospital.

"After I've had a nice long vacation," said the secretary to the Assistant Vice President for Personnel, "I hope to return as a volunteer."

Miss Fisher, a native of the Bronx, had considerable experience in secretarial work before she began her employment in the personnel office here in March 1949.

For a number of years she was secretary to the president of the New York State Board of Law Examiners; just before coming here, she managed the private office of former New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, a position terminated by his death.

#### ACROSS U.S.A. BY TRAIN

Miss Fisher's final day of employment was April 30. She is eagerly anticipating a train trip across the United States in June to visit with a nephew in Washington State. Then she plans to vacation during the month of August at Ship Bottom, a town on the Jersey Shore.

"Then I should be sufficiently rested to return here and do some volunteer work," she said.

#### HOPE FOR MANY, BUT . . .

The success with corneal implants offers hope to many persons now without vision.

"... it is evident that the technique can produce useful sight in individuals who would otherwise be totally blind," according to Dr. A. Gerard DeVoe, director of the Eye Institute.

He stresses, however, that the ultimate goal in this context is the *transplanting of healthy corneas* from a donor to a patient, a technique which is not always successful today.

#### A 30-YEAR SEARCH

For 30 years scientists here have been seeking a better understanding of why some corneal transplants "take" and remain transparent, while others become cloudy.

Because some researchers believe the failures result from an immune reaction in the eye (it rejects the foreign cornea), intensified studies will be conducted in the Immunology Laboratories of the Eye Institute's new \$1,600,000 Corneal Research Center.

The ultramodern unit, scheduled for completion in late June, is the first facility in the world for coordinated research by many branches of science into diseases of the cornea.



Held close to a thumb, tiny size of plastic cornea becomes apparent.



## Hospital Volunteers Cited As Champions

"Among hospital volunteers, you are the champions."

The words of praise were spoken April 29 in Maxwell Hall during the 14th Annual Awards Tea for Volunteers.

The speaker, Presbyterian Hospital trustee W. E. S. Griswold, Jr., was acknowledging the incredible record of 135,037 work-hours served during 1964 by our dedicated volunteers.

"I have been informed," said Mr. Griswold, "that the 135,000 hours you contributed last year is a record not only for Presbyterian Hospital, but for all voluntary hospitals in the United States. Among hospital volunteers, you are the champions!"

Mr. Griswold concluded: "And, in behalf of all of us associated with Presbyterian Hospital, I say thank you . . . thanks to each of you for giving so unselfishly of your intelligence and energies, your time and talents in the service of our patients who need your help."

### DR. DAMROSCH IS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Principal address during the program was delivered by Dr. Douglas S. Damrosch, associate attending pediatrician at Babies Hospital. His topic was "The Threefold Responsibility of The Medical Center."

Presiding at the tea was Mrs. George A. Perera, chairman of the Volunteer Committee of the Women's Auxiliaries. Other participants included Dr. C. R. Wise, assistant vice president, Presbyterian Hospital, and Mr. A. J. Binkert, executive vice president.

Presbyterian Hospital pins, signifying completion of 100 hours of service, went to 77 volunteers; United Hospital Fund Awards for 150 hours were presented to 66 volunteers.

It was mentioned that there are 94 active volunteers who have donated more than 1,000 hours of service to the hospital.

Singled out for special honors were eight volunteers who worked more than 1,000 hours during 1964. These included Mrs. Ida Rosch, 1,749 hours; Mr. Fred Irdian, 1,231; Miss Margaret McKenna, 1,228; Mrs. Anne Kingsford, 1,189; Miss Hattie H. Bruns, 1,186; Mrs. Helen Harris, 1,141, and Mrs. Sarah McKenna, 1,128.

Honored posthumously was Miss Maud Musgrave, who died in February at the age of 86. During 1964 she worked 1,280 hours and, at the time of her death, had served a total of 20,201 hours, a record for volunteers at this hospital.



The Medical Center model is back in the Memorial Room! Renewed, polished and brought up-to-date, the panorama under the plexiglass dome shows the completed buildings under the Development Program, as well as the proposed construction taking place and about to begin, against the background of the original Medical Center.

Lighted in white is the original silhouette, orange glows through the finished construction and green lights signify the projects in the making. Informational material is mounted around the ring.

## Newest Member of Volunteer 10,000 Hour Club

## Retired Seamstress, 77, Refuses to Retire From The Presbyterian Hospital Scene

A retired Presbyterian Hospital seamstress who refuses to retire from the hospital scene is the newest member of our Volunteer Department's exclusive 10,000 Hour Club.

She is Mrs. Alvina Schwartz, 77, a soft-spoken, gracious and dedicated lady who officially retired after nine years of service as seamstress in the laundry on Jan. 31, 1953.

Actually, she never left the job. No longer an employee, she returned to her sewing machine as a volunteer. During the first few years after her retirement, she was at her machine five days a week. Just as always.

### LOVES HER WORK

"Lately though, I've only been working three days a week," said Mrs. Schwartz. "I love my work here and I love the people I work with."

Mrs. Schwartz offered another reason for her apparent devotion to Presbyterian Hospital.

"My mother died in the old hospital 40 years ago. Everyone there was so kind to her and so considerate of the feelings of us in the family that I vowed I'd help the hospital if I ever had the chance. And now I have the opportunity."

This isn't really the first occasion Mrs. Schwartz has taken to assist the hospital. In the 1920's when work was beginning on the new Medical Center, she was one of numerous Washington Heights women who voluntarily pitched in to raise funds through bazaars, card parties and other social functions.

### LOWER EAST SIDER

Mrs. Schwartz was born in Manhattan's Lower East Side of German immigrant parents. She learned to sew on her mother's machine.

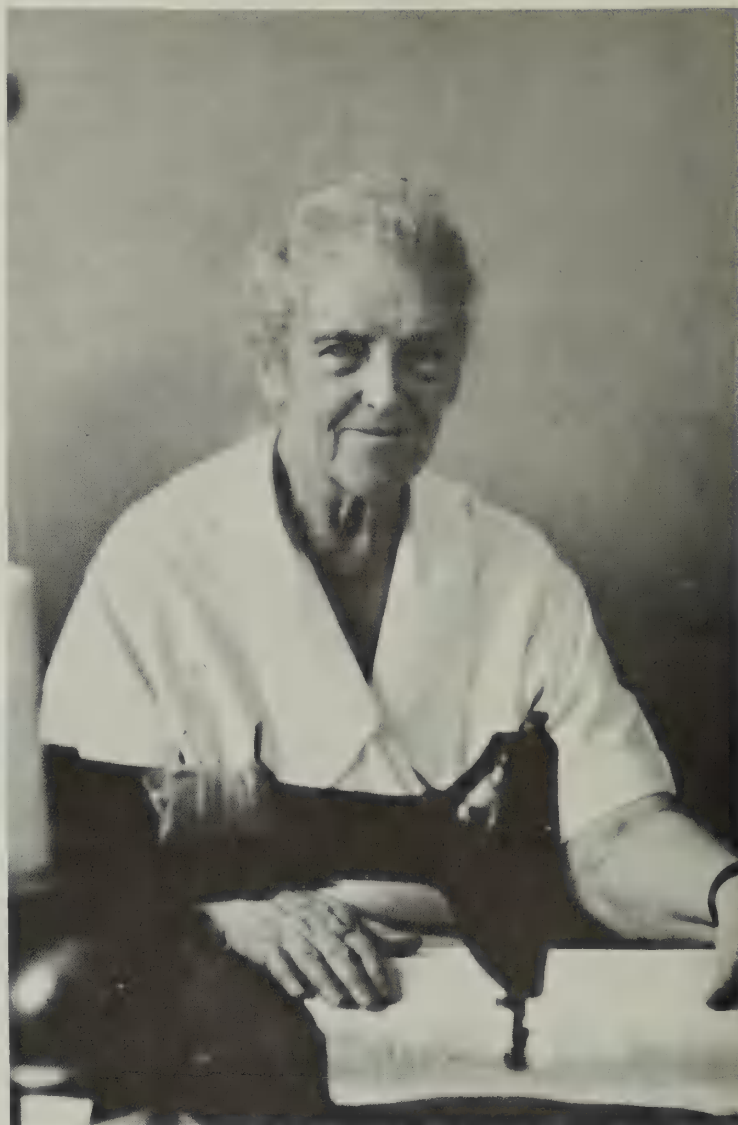
After being married for 32 years and raising two daughters, Mrs. Schwartz was left a widow by the death of her husband in April 1944. In November of that year she began her employment in the laundry here.

### OVER, 10,000 HOURS

Many areas of the hospital have been beautified by the curtains, drapes and special linen items she has created during the past two decades as an employee and volunteer.

According to Mrs. Marguerite Stein, director of Volunteers, Mrs. Schwartz had officially logged 10,186 hours of volunteer service by the end of 1964.

Thus she joined a select group of four other Presbyterian Hospital volunteers who



Volunteer Alvina Schwartz, still active at age 77.

have contributed more than 10,000 hours of service and are still active.

The other members of the 10,000 Hour Club are Miss Hattie Bruns of the Volunteer Office (14,188 hours) and three women who work in Sterile Supply: Mrs. Marion Ware (14,953 hours), Mrs. Katalin Kallay (14,066) and Mrs. Ida Rosch (12,296).

## 27 Special Volunteers

In addition to Mrs. Alvina Schwartz, there were 27 retired or active employees of Presbyterian Hospital or the College of Physicians and Surgeons who served as volunteers during 1964.

The following list of persons in this category was compiled by Mrs. Marguerite Stein, director of Volunteers.

**ACTIVE EMPLOYEES:** Ann Ametta, Harkness Hall; Mrs. Helen Case, P&S 16-455; Mrs. Jane Cosgrove, VC-10 Nursing; Aleta Kinley, Registered Nurse; Mrs. Doris Lagergren, Recreational Therapy; Mrs. Kathleen O'Leary, Secretary, N.I.; Mary O'Leary, Accounting; Louise L. Phillips, Ph.D., P&S-16 Laboratory, and Joy Sperry, Lab Technician.

**RETIRED EMPLOYEES:** Mrs. Stella Brown, Sloane Nursery; Frederick DePelligrini, Kitchen; Mrs. Rose Finkel, Accounting; Jacob Gessner, Orderly; Sarafina Guarneri, Harkness Hall; Helen Hockenberger, Accounting; Lillian Hudson, Registered Nurse; Mrs. Daisy Koennecke, Housekeeping; Margaret McKenna, Accounting; Mrs. Sarah McKenna, Sloane Floor Control; Mrs. Gertrude Moss, Chaplains' Office & Anesthesiology Dept.; Mrs. Ida Mende, Sewing Room; Helen Murphy, Obs-Gyn Dept.; Mrs. Mary Nehring, Registered Nurse; Georgina O'Toole, Floor Clerk; Mrs. Katherine Price, Dept. of Medicine; Mrs. Aurelio Ricardo, Secretary, Vanderbilt Clinic, and Mary Schmidt, IOPH Admitting.



# New X-Ray Techniques Offer Greater Accuracy In Predicting Stage of Stomach, Bladder Tumors

New techniques which hold great promise for increased accuracy in determining the stage of advancement of stomach and bladder cancers have been devised by Medical Center radiologists working at Francis Delafield Hospital.

Establishing the extent of cancer is of great importance, because this will determine whether treatment may be best effected by surgery, by radiotherapy or by a combination of both.

Methods employed by the Medical Center radiologists in obtaining X-ray studies of the bladder or the stomach are basically similar. They involve surrounding the organ with oxygen, filling it with a gas, and injecting a radio-opaque media into the blood vessels. Then X-ray pictures are taken, which clearly reveal interior and exterior walls of the organ, and the extent of the disease process.

## RIGHT 39 OF 40 TIMES

To date the researchers have used this technique on 40 patients with suspected cancer of the bladder. They have found it affords an excellent visualization of tumors, both within and outside the bladder, as well as of the blood supply to the tumor.

Because of this improved total visualization, the team has been able to determine the stage of a bladder cancer's advancement with proven accuracy in 39 of the 40 cases. (When staged by the routine clinical methods — pyelogram, cystoscopy, bimanual examination under anesthesia, serial layer biopsy with the resectoscope, and cystography—medical scientists can expect, at best, a 75 to 80 per cent accuracy rate in this area.)

## TAKES 90 MINUTES

The method employed here by the team in bladder studies takes about 90 minutes. It is described as safe and simple—and it imposes little discomfort upon the patient.

Summarizing their work with the bladder, the team reported: "Together with the usual clinical methods of staging, we feel this procedure offers a useful tool for the confirmation of clinical findings and may, in certain instances, afford an even more accurate method for the pre-treatment staging of bladder carcinomas."

In working with a limited number of cases of suspected stomach cancer, the team has employed a technique that goes a step beyond that used in detection of cancer of the bladder.

The stomach is surrounded with oxygen and the patient

is given a gas-producing liquid to drink. Then, in order to visualize blood flow to the mucosa of the stomach, the patient is injected with a drug, histamine, which is thought to increase gastric mucosal blood flow.

The histamine injection is followed in 30 minutes by injection of a radio-opaque agent into the celiac artery, which outlines the entire blood supply to the stomach and stains the minute vessels of the stomach's inner wall. X-ray films are taken at this point.

According to the researchers, films produced by this method clearly outline the ex-

act thickness of the stomach wall and are thought to visualize the micro-circulation to the inner wall mucosa of the stomach. This is of utmost importance since the earliest manifestations of gastric pathology, including cancer and ulcers, usually occur in the mucosa.

A study of films obtained in this manner indicates not only the location of a cancer but the extent of its growth as well.

The team hopes that, because of improved visualization of the stomach, inside and out, available through use of the new technique, it may be possible in some cases to avoid

the need for exploratory surgery.

Radiologists involved in devising and refining the new methods include Drs. Donald A. Taylor, Kevin L. Macken and Arnold L. Bachman, as well as Dr. William B. Seaman, Director of the Service of Radiology.

In their studies of the bladder they have worked closely with Dr. Ralph J. Veenema (Urology); in stomach studies with Dr. Henry Colcher (Medicine).

Their research on the bladder is being supported, in part, by a grant from the American Cancer Society.



Dr. Donald A. Taylor, center, and other members of radiology research team conduct X-ray study at Delafield Hospital

## Mother Goose Goes To Fantasy Land Saturday, May 15

Miss Helen Hayes, First Lady of the American Theater, will be guest of honor at the eighth annual Mother Goose Ball on Saturday evening, May 15 in the Waldman Auditorium in Ferris Booth Hall, Columbia University campus.

This benefit performance, for the support of the Medical Center Nursery School which serves the youngsters of students, physicians and faculty members, marks the tenth anniversary of the school.

Theme of this year's event is "Mother Goose in Fantasyland." Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. John Miller at WA 7-3088 or Mrs. Alfred Markowitz at LO 8-5224.

## Retirement Tea Honors Marie Tevington



Personnel Director C. Douglas Auty greets Mrs. Tevington, center, at her tea.

## FROM THE MAILBAG

Dear Sir:

I left the Harkness Pavilion on last Friday, February 19th, and would like to take this opportunity to pass on to you and your associates some impressions I had of the Hospital, at least concerning that part with which I came in contact.

We will take for granted that the Hospital has the very finest equipment, but equipment cannot run itself without the many skills I noted in your personnel. In my six weeks stay I was under the care of Doctors Voorhees, Southworth and Price, each of whom in his field was without peer. One important thing to a patient is that each doctor told him what he was going to do, when he was going to do it, and last but not least, why. That procedure as very good medicine in itself. Five weeks of my stay was on the Seventh Floor of the Hospital, and from top to bottom it had nurses, floor nurses, aides, secretaries, cleaning girls and male attendants who were ever ready to make you as comfortable as possible in a cheerful and willing manner. They were all good, and I cannot pick anyone outstanding, even though in that time I got to know most of them by name. My greatest surprise was over the food. It was served on time, tasty, and hot—a situation practically unheard of in a hospital.

I am sure I could go on and on, but I think I have given you a pretty good idea of my impressions of the Hospital. In short, the very best.

— From a former patient in Harkness Pavilion.

Mrs. Marie Tevington, a telephone operator here for almost 15 years, says she has a number of hobbies and interests that will keep her busy in retirement.

The native of Coventry, England who retired April 22 listed these interests as her church, cooking, "sewing for my eight grandchildren, antiques and my collection of cups and saucers from all over the world."

## THE SWITCH TO CENTREX

Mrs. Tevington considers the Medical Center's change-over from the old style plug switchboard to the new direct dial Centrex telephone system as one of the outstanding events here during her employment.

"Anyone who was present that night in March 1963 when it occurred cannot ever forget it," she said.



## Medical Student Has Fellowship To Work in India

Junior medical student Harold E. Varmus of the College of Physicians and Surgeons has received a \$1,463 fellowship to assist at a mission hospital in India during the spring of 1966.

He will work for 11 weeks under Dr. Ernest B. Sundaram, his sponsor, in the medical and pediatric departments of Clara Swain Hospital, Bareilly, India.

Son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Varmus of Freeport, L. I., he is one of 28 American medical students selected by the Association of American Medical Colleges to receive Smith Kline & French Foreign Fellowships.

Through the fellowships, supported by a grant from the Philadelphia drug firm, junior and senior medical students broaden their clinical experience by living and working in underdeveloped areas of the world.

Clara Swain Hospital, where Varmus will work, is a 260-bed Methodist mission outpost located in a small city in the northern Indian province of Uttar Pradesh, east of New Delhi. Its staff consists of 14 physicians and 3 dentists.

Varmus will go on ward rounds there, help in the diagnosis and treatment of patients, assist in the outpatient department, work in the diagnostic laboratory and attend staff meetings to discuss cases.

Once a week he will visit a nearby dispensary to observe public health and preventive medicine programs in operation. His experiences in India will be credited toward his medical degree at P&S.

Before entering medical school here, Varmus graduated with honors from Amherst, then earned a master of arts degree in English from Harvard.

## Taken To Circus 11 Years Ago, Roy Will Now Repay The Favor

One good turn deserves another. That's an old saying that guides a young man, Roy Eberhardt, Jr., 18, darkroom technician in the X-ray Department of Squier Urological Clinic.

Eleven years ago, when Roy was a patient in Squier, he was one of seven youngsters taken to the first Squier Circus Party.

"It was the first time I'd ever seen a circus," he said. "I still remember it well; it was one of the happiest days of my life."

This year, he is going to repay that favor. On May 8, when Squier Clinic takes 42 young patients to watch the wonders of the human and animal performers of Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus, one of the youngsters will be enjoying the fun as Roy's guest.

### ATHLETE-SCHOLAR

"I can hardly wait," he said enthusiastically. "I only hope the boy will get as much kick out of the experience as I did."

Roy Eberhardt was graduated last year from Thomas A. Edison Vocational and Technical High School, Jamaica, L. I., where he was captain of the track team and set a number of school and regional records in middle-distance running events. He received the 1964 Long Island Press Athlete-Scholar Award, a gold medal.

### AMBITIOUS YOUTH

An ambitious teenager, he attends evening classes at New York Community College, Brooklyn, studying graphic arts. Since he's been working at Squier, he's made up his mind to be an X-ray technician. In September he'll take a confident step toward this goal, beginning a 24-month course at the School of Radiology of Mercy Hospital in Rockville Center, Hempstead.

### DAD'S HERE, TOO

His dad, Roy, Sr., is well-known around the Medical Center, having been an employee here for 17 years. He is now housekeeper for several floors of Presbyterian Hospital and Vanderbilt Clinic.

## This Saturday Is Circus Day For Squier Tots

Forty-two young patients of Squier Urological Clinic will take in all the excitement and pageantry of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus May 8 at Madison Square Garden.

This is the largest group of youngsters ever to participate in the annual Squier Circus Party, according to Miss Elsie Coffin, departmental secretary in Squier Clinic and originator of the Circus Party 11 years ago. She has assumed the responsibility of organizing and financing the event every year since then.

### ADULTS ARE HOSTS

Each child who attends the circus is the guest of an adult, usually a Presbyterian Hospital employee or member of the House Staff in Urology or Pediatrics. The sponsoring adult pays for the child's ticket. Squier attendings, personnel, friends and patients provide spending money.

Since 1955 when the first group of seven patients from Squier was taken to the circus, some 200 youngsters have benefited from the program.

Again this year the group will travel to and from Madison Square Garden by subway, in a special car chartered for the occasion.



ELSIE COFFIN AND ROY EBERHARDT

Elsie took Roy to first Squier Circus Party 11 years ago

## GNYF Kick-Off Rally is Thursday

The Kickoff Rally for the opening of the Greater New York Fund 1965 campaign at Presbyterian Hospital will take place on Thursday at 10 a.m. in the fourth floor amphitheater of Babies Hospital.

Representatives are urged to attend this meeting which will be addressed by Mr. A. J. Binkert. The campaign movie "People," narrated by Robert Preston, will be shown and a representative of the Fund will be present to answer any questions. Materials for distribution with the pledge cards will be distributed after the program.



A citation in recognition of the generous support given by the employees of Presbyterian Hospital to the 1964 Greater New York Fund campaign is presented to Dr. Carl R. Wise, Assistant Vice President, by Joseph Terenzio, Executive Director of Brooklyn Hospital, and Chairman of the Hospitals Unit of The Greater New York Fund 1964 campaign.

## Mrs. Edward Gerry Elected A Trustee

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A former chairman (1956) of the Women's Division of the United Hospital Fund Campaign, Mrs. Gerry has been active for some years in the Women's Auxiliary of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital (a unit of Presbyterian Hospital).

She is treasurer of the New York Society for the Preven-

tion of Cruelty to Children, a board member of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York and of the Family Service Association of Nassau County.

The former Martha B. Farish of Houston, Texas, she was educated at The Masters School and Vassar. She is a well-known amateur tournament golfer and horsewoman.

She and her mother raise thoroughbred horses on their Lazy F Ranch.

Her husband, Edward H. Gerry, is a general partner of Gerry Brothers & Co., president of Anchor Investment Corp. and director of Delta Airline. They have a son, three daughters and one granddaughter.

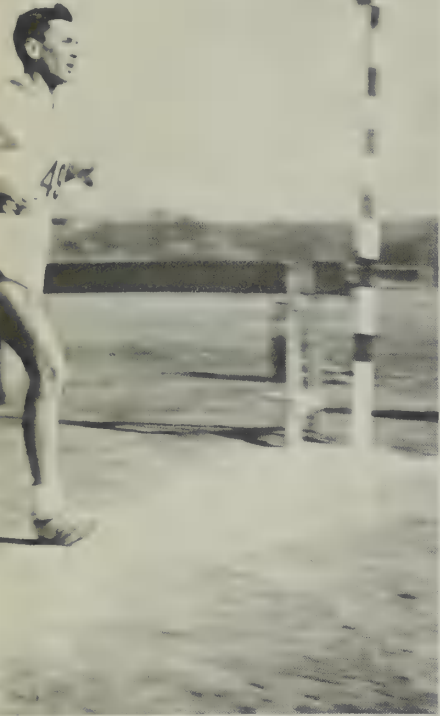


HE'LL ASSIST AT MISSION HOSPITAL IN INDIA

P&S Junior Harold Varmus has foreign fellowship for Spring 1966



# MARATHONER IN OUR MIDST



Dr. Irving Abrahams taking a turn on the Van Courtlandt Park track.

Dr. Irving Abrahams, a Presbyterian Hospital dermatologist, who has a private practice in the Bronx, didn't open his office on April 19th. He was in Massachusetts. And in the Bay State, April 19th is a holiday (Patriot's Day) in honor of Paul Revere.

Of even greater interest, however, is the fact that it's the day of the Boston Marathon, an event which had an irresistible attraction for Dr. Abrahams.

Wearing the number 338, he was one of 358 distance runners who participated in this year's record event. More significant, he was among the 236 stalwarts who finished the Marathon in less than four hours. He did it in 3 hours and 35 minutes, averaging almost seven and a half miles an hour over the 26 miles 385 yards.

## How's Hopkinton For A Start?

The race starts in Hopkinton, a small community which otherwise doesn't attract too much attention. It continues through Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Wellesley, Wellesley Hills, Newton Lower Falls, Auburndale, Newtonville, and then up Heartbreak Hill to Boston College. Once beyond B. C., its five miles, downhill to the finish line.

"I first started running for exercise about two and a half years ago," Dr. Abrahams, explained.

"I had been bothered with low back pain for several years, and felt I needed to get into better condition. At first I started swimming at the Y, but I don't really enjoy swimming. Then I decided to trot around the track. Gradually, I started feeling better, and decided to run on the track in Van Courtlandt Park every day."

Over the last two years, Dr. Abrahams has pared his weight by 30 pounds, and is able to run an average of 40 miles a week without getting overtired. He also has become a member of the Pioneer Club of New York and the Road Runners Club and competed in races at Van Courtlandt Park.

At six feet and 159 pounds, he is big for distance running. The winner of this year's Boston Marathon, Morio Shigematsu of Japan, stands 5 feet 7 inches and weighs 123 pounds.

Recalling the Marathon, Dr. Abrahams commented:

"All along the route people offer you nourishment, which most of the runners pass up. Children want to give you orange slices, licorice, gum, water and so on.

"By the time you reach Boston College, there are about five miles to go and your legs really begin to feel like lead."

Previous to the Boston Marathon, the longest race Dr. Abrahams had run was over a 17 mile course. The New York native, who is 37 years old, married and the father of three children, finished the Marathon in 178th place. There were 236 who finished within four hours, a major achievement in itself.

Reviewing the history of this 69th running of America's most celebrated race, Dr. Abrahams said it started the year after the 1896 Olympic marathon, which had impressed the Boston Athletic Association Team. Olympic marathons were patterned after what author Hal Higdon, himself a marathoner, described as follows:

## First Marathoner Ran Too Hard!

"The race owes its existence to a Greek courier named Pheidippides, who in 490 B.C. ran from the plains of Marathon to Athens to announce the Athenian victory over an invading Persian Army. 'Rejoice, we conquer,' he gasped, dropping dead and thereby doing irreparable damage to the Greek image of physical fitness."

Higdon also explained that neither Pheidippides, nor the Greek shepherd who won the Marathon in 1896, ran as far as Boston marathoners. It seems that when the Olympics came to London in 1908 the British moved the starting line back to Windsor Castle so the royal family could watch the start of the race from their royal balcony. Windsor Castle just happened to be 26 miles and 385 yards away from where the race would end in the Olympic stadium.

As Higdon pointed out, "Britain no longer sets the standards for the world, but on this point she prevailed. Now, whenever a present-day marathoner slogs footsore past the 25-mile mark he always mutters under his breath 'God save the Queen' (or words to that effect)."

## NURSES GRADUATION

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Mr. Blough to speak.

tration at 9 a.m. in Maxwell Hall; annual meeting of the Alumnae Association at 10 in the new Alumni Auditorium; reunion luncheons at 1 p.m.; a program and tours at 2:30 and a cocktail hour at 4 p.m. in Harkness Hall.

## DR. TAYLOR

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Dr. Taylor is an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Great Britain and an honorary member of several national societies for obstetrics and gynecology, including societies in Germany, Japan and Sweden.

He has served as Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology since 1953.



## A VIEW OF THE NEW EXPANDED PARKING LOT

THE NEW SOUTH PROPERTY PARKING AREA has been in efficient operation since February. The area has expanded space in order to accommodate 760 cars, 250 of which can be parked in the tiered garage area in the background. The garage design permits for expansion either horizontally or vertically. A three-level facility, it is equipped with a ramp heating system which prevents ice formation in the winter.





# The Stethoscope

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## Elect 3 New Trustees At May Board Meeting



THOMAS H. CHOATE  
Partner  
White, Weld & Co.

Two prominent corporation executives and a partner in a Wall Street investment firm have been elected to the Board of Trustees of The Presbyterian Hospital.

They are Thomas H. Choate, partner, White, Weld & Co.; Robert D. Murphy, chairman of the board, Corning Glass International, and Gerald L. Phillippe, chairman of the board, General Electric Company.

Their election was announced May 20 by Augustus C. Long, president of the hospital's Board of Trustees.

### THOMAS H. CHOATE

Mr. Choate, 50, a resident of Glen Head, L. I., has been a partner at White, Weld & Co. since 1955. Previously, he was with the law firm of Shearman & Sterling.

He is a director of Coca-Cola Export Corporation, Coca-Cola Interamerican Corporation, Oneida Ltd. and Motor Contract Company. He is a vice chairman of The George Junior Republic.

Born in New York City on Christmas Day 1914, he was educated at Harvard ('37) and Harvard Law School ('40). During World War II he served with the Army in Europe, entering as a private and rising to the rank of captain.

He is married to the former Jane Harte; they have two daughters, Jane W. and Caroline Choate.

### ROBERT D. MURPHY

Mr. Murphy, 70, had an illustrious career spanning 39 years in the United States Foreign Service before joining Corning Glass Works in January 1960 as a member of the Board of Directors and president of Corning Glass International. He became chairman of the board of Corning Glass International on Jan. 8, 1965.

He is a director of Corning Glass Works, The Gillette Co., The Japan Fund, Inc., Morgan Guaranty International Banking Corp., Morgan Guaranty International Finance

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GERALD L. PHILLIPPE  
Board Chairman  
General Electric Company

## P&S GRADUATES 114 NEW M.D.'s

Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine to 114 members of the Class of 1965 during garden ceremonies here on June 1.

Graduates taking awards and prizes were:

Dr. William J. Davis, the Joseph Garrison Parker Award;

Dr. Ronald K. St. John, Alumni Association Senior Student Award;

Dr. William B. McCullough, the Walter Winchester Prize;

Dr. John G. Gregory, Borden Undergraduate Research Award;

Dr. Thomas L. Delbanco, the William P. Watson Prize in Pediatrics;

Dr. Suzanne Oparil, the Helen M. Sciarra Prize in Neurology;

Drs. Barry F. Portnoy, George W. Luhrmann and Paul M. Hamanda, Merck Manual Awards;

Dr. Daniel F. Kripke, Medicine

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TAKING JUST PRIDE

Elizabeth S. Gill, Associate Dean (Nursing) surveys a beautiful sight: the assembled members of the Class of 1965 on their day.

## Never Forsake Your High Ideals, Speaker Tells Graduating Nurses

"Never lose your dedication to the high ideals of your calling because ideals are like stars: we never reach them but, like mariners, we chart our course by them."

With these words from Dr. Willard C. Rappleye's graduation address sounding in their ears, 142 seniors in our school

of nursing received their diplomas and nursing pins at ceremonies held June 2 before a standing-room-only crowd of well-wishers in the new Alumni Auditorium.

This was the second consecutive year that inclement weather forced nursing graduation ceremonies indoors here. Previous to 1964, the weatherman had been more cooperative and 13 straight graduations were held under sunny skies in the Medical Center garden.

Spirits of the happy graduates could not be dampened by the day-long drizzle, however. They smiled as they marched into the Auditorium, just dedicated May 1, and their smiles grew even brighter as they received the diplomas, nursing pins, and certificates they had pursued for so long.

The 142 young ladies of the Class of 1965 represent the 25th class to be graduated

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## \$100,000 Rippel Grant to New Radiotherapy Unit

The Fannie E. Rippel Foundation has awarded a \$100,000 grant to Presbyterian Hospital toward the cost of constructing and equipping a new \$1,500,000 Radiotherapy Center at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Work is already underway on the new unit, part of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center \$50,000,000 Development Program. It will house one of the greatest concentrations of equipment in America for increasingly productive clinical research in the X-ray treatment of cancer.

The grant was announced by Julius A. Rippel, President of the Rippel Foundation.

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## To Honor Dr. Dische At Corneal Center Opening on June 22

The formal opening of the Corneal Center at the Institute of Ophthalmology will be marked by a tea on June 23 at 4 p.m. in the new quarters of the Center on the fifth floor IOPH.

The occasion will also honor Dr. Zacharias Dische, Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry, for his outstanding contributions to ophthalmology

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## DR. ALEXANDER HONORED AGAIN

Dr. Hattie E. Alexander, Attending Pediatrician and Professor of Pediatrics, is the recipient of the first medal awarded by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on the occasion of the bicentennial of the University of Pennsylvania. She was named winner by an international panel of distinguished authorities, including a Nobel laureate, whom the hospital appointed

to its awards committee to emphasize the importance of the medal.

The citation reads "This medal is presented to Dr. Hattie E. Alexander for her contributions to the health of children. Primarily a Pediatrician dedicated to provide the best clinical care, she has directed her imagination and technical research skills to

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## STETHOSCOPIA

### BEST OF LUCK

We bade farewell on May 21 to Claude B. Dufault, Director of Public Interest and Editor of Stethoscope for the past five years. Mr. Dufault has gone to Worcester, Mass where he will be Director of Development at Assumption Preparatory School, his alma mater, and Consultant for Development to the North American Province of the Assumptionist Fathers.

### BRIDES AND GROOMS

Lois Pazicky, R.N. in the Doctors' Private Offices, recently became the bride of Mr. Charles Sharkey, a Physical Education Teacher.

Dr. Frederick A. Klipstein, Assistant Physician, and Miss Rose-Marie Bentele of Ridgewood, N. J. were married on May 8.

Bonnie Anderson and Richard Connell Bray, research associates in Biochemistry, were married recently in Christ's Chapel, Riverside Church.

Lydia Bandurka, Clinical Pathology, and Mr. Alexander Stiba, Jr. were married on May 2.

Josephine Vlachos, Records, became the bride of Joseph Sosna.

Barbara Abrams, Records, was married to Mr. Robert Confino.

Catherine MacLean, Administrative Assistant in Department of Nursing married Mr. Harold E. Bryers recently. She plans to retire July 1 after 31 years with us.

### SOON TO BE WED

Anne Bugler, Records, is engaged to Mr. Garland Maxwell; Elizabeth de Roode, who was graduated from the School of Nursing last week, is engaged to Dr. Knight Steel, who received his medical degree from P&S on June 1; Muriel Hunter, senior nursing student, and Mr. Gary Meier, who will graduate from Princeton Theological Seminary this month, are betrothed; Dr. Michael L. Gelfand, surgical intern, will marry Miss Diana Lee Randolph of Hampton Manor, N. Y. in July; Dr. Elisabeth Melissa McSherry, resident in Babies Hospital, and Dr. Ralph Curtis Morris, Jr. of San Francisco, will be wed July 10; Nada Janet Lichtigman, research librarian, and Mr. Martin Henry Mach of New York will be married this month; Stephanie Merle Tenny and Dr. Irwin Jay Averbach, resident in psychiatry, plan to be married in July.

### BLESSED EVENTS

John Rohrer, electrician foreman in Maintenance & Construction welcomed his first grandchild, Jennifer Lynn Rohrer.

### CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Elsie Coffin, secretary in the Department of Urology, on the death of her brother, Robert; he was a P.H. employee for 31 years, having retired January 1, 1964 as powerhouse operator, Department of Engineering.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Florence Moore, DOS, on the recent death of her husband.

### HAPPY, HAPPY

Mrs. Astrid Kaaling, Blood Bank, has gone on a trip to Denmark and Sweden. She will visit her family there.

Sigrid Johnson, Records, will spend her vacation with her parents in Sweden.

Mrs. Kathleen Hausmann, with the Department of Microbiology, returned to work recently after a long hospitalization arising out of a car accident. Her co-workers greeted her with a huge banner, "Welcome Back, Kathleen!"

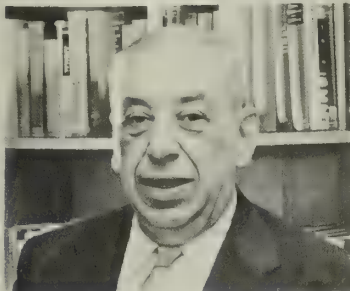
### FAREWELL

Betsy Sheffield, Public Interest, is leaving us. How could you, Bets? Mrs. Dorothy Chase, Laboratory Assistant, Department of Medicine, who retired after 14 years.

Ruby Benjamin, secretary in the Alumni Office at P&S, will be graduated Cum Laude from Brooklyn College on June 11. She will receive a B.A. in Psychology and expects to begin graduate study at Teachers College in the field of Rehabilitation Counseling.

## In Memoriam

### Dr. Franz Kallmann Dies Here at Age 67



Dr. Franz Josef Kallmann, Chief of Psychiatric Research in Medical Genetics at New York State Psychiatric Institute and Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry (Genetics) at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, died May 12 in Harkness Pavilion. His age was 67.

During a quarter of a century at the Medical Center, Dr. Kallmann's genetic studies won world-wide distinction and international recognition. The Department of Medical Genetics he headed is the only one of this specialized variety in the United States.

A native of Silesia (Germany) and the son of a physician, Dr. Kallmann received his medical degree from the University of Breslau in 1919. Following his training at the Psychiatric and Forensic Institutes of the Universities of Breslau and Berlin, the Max Planck Institute of Psychiatry in Munich and the Berlin Psychoanalytic Institute, he was the director of the neuro-pathological laboratories of the State Hospitals Berlin.

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### MISS GLADYS BOWEN

Miss Gladys Bowen, a retired member of the Presbyterian Hospital Social Service staff, died on her 70th birthday, May 2, in Harkness Pavilion.

A graduate of the Columbia University School of Social Work (then the New York School of Social Work), Miss Bowen joined the Social Service staff of the old Presbyterian Hospital in 1926.

Her specialty was working with patients on the Ear, Nose and Throat Service, many of whom require considerable assistance in social and vocational adjustment. She also trained a number of social work students here in this specialized field.

For reasons of health, Miss Bowen retired from the hospital early in 1954, after 28 years of service.

The director of Social Service, Miss Elizabeth R. Prichard, said of Miss Bowen: "She was a woman of indomitable spirit and courage, who gave freely of herself on behalf of patients and always with strong convictions and

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## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

DR. WILLIAM B. SEAMAN, Director of Radiology, is on sabbatical leave until December 1. He is travelling in Europe where he will attend a Cine Symposium in Antwerp and lecture at radiology departments in hospitals in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Brussels, Malmö, Lund, Oslo, Edinburgh, Leeds, Oxford, London and Paris.

DR. DICKINSON W. RICHARDS, Consultant in Medicine, spoke at the dedication exercises of the Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine at Harvard University on May 26th. His talk was on "The Uses of History in Medicine."

DR. ANDRE FREDERIC Cournand, Professor Emeritus of Medicine at P&S, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by Columbia University at the Commencement Exercises on June 1.

Drs. Cournand and Richards shared the Nobel prize in 1956 for their work on the physiology of the heart and lung.

DR. ALVAN L. BARACH, Consultant in Medicine, discussed emphysema on the June 10 "Today" program over WNBC-TV. Host Hugh Downs interviewed him "live" on recent developments in the control of this pulmonary disease and used illustrations from some of Dr. Barach's papers.

DR. HARRY M. ROSE, Borne Professor and Chairman, Department of Microbiology, presented a paper "Prophylaxis and Treatment of Viral Infections" at a recent meeting of the Connecticut State Medical Society in Hartford. While there he met with a number of P&S graduates who are now in practice in Connecticut.

DR. GEORGE F. CRICKLAIR, Director of Plastic Surgery, was appointed to the American Board of Plastic Surgery at the May meeting of the Board. He also addressed the Hungarian Medical Society's May meeting, discussing plastic surgery and skin tumors and attended the meeting in Boca Raton, Florida of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons.

DR. JOHN K. LATTIMER, Director of Urology, was elected to membership in the Clinical Society of Genito-Urinary Surgeons at their recent annual meeting in Los Angeles. Also present was DR. GEORGE W. FISH, Consultant in Urology; Dr. Fish also attended a reunion of the 1920-24 U. S. Olympic rugby team in San Francisco. He played on the gold medal-winning team of 1920.

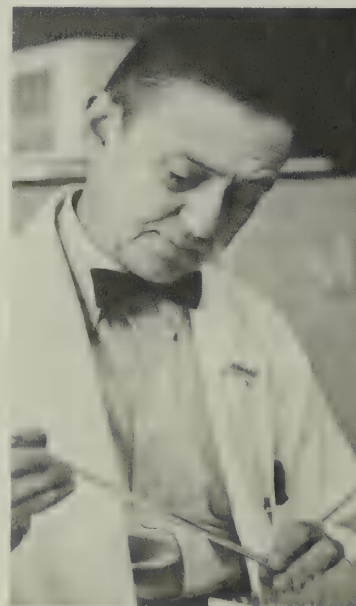
DR. JAMES RYAN, Psychiatric Consultation Service, presented a paper at the American Psychiatric Association's annual meeting in New York. It is entitled "Psychiatric Testimony By Video Tape in the Court Room." He will present "Remote Hypnosis Via Television" at the June Meeting of the American Medical Association.

DR. GURSTON D. GOLDIN, Assistant Attending Psychiatrist, Vanderbilt Clinic, delivered a paper on "Violent acting-out behavior" at the annual symposium held recently at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

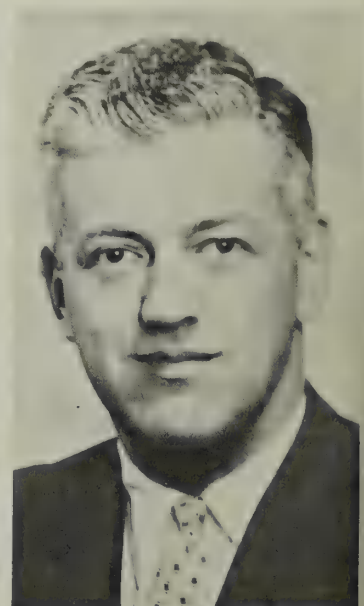
DR. MOLLY E. TOWELL, Research Fellow in Obstetrics and Gynecology, presented a paper "Effects of Catecholamine depletion upon thermoregulation of the newborn guinea pig" at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pediatric Research held recently in Philadelphia.

DR. HERMAN E. HILLEBOE, DeLamar Professor of Public Health Practice at the School of Public Health, was a panelist at the 1965 Health Conference of the New York Academy of Medicine recently. The panel was The Changing Roles of Government in Health Affairs — Implications For The Future.

At the same Conference, DR. WILLARD C. RAPPLEYE, Dean Emeritus, Faculty of Medicine discussed Partnership of Government and Private Agencies in Strengthening the Organization of Health Services.



DR. HARRY M. ROSE



DR. WILLIAM B. SEAMAN





**HARLEM YOUNGSTERS STUDY HOSPITAL JOB POSSIBILITIES**

A group of junior high students recently familiarized themselves with career opportunities at hospitals, such as Presbyterian. Their tour here was arranged by the Central Harlem Medical Society and the Board of Education. Here the youngsters visit the Medical Center's IBM Room.

# Dr. Taylor, Chief, Obs-Gyn, Is Among Nine Retiring M.D.'s

Dr. Howard Canning Taylor, Jr., Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Rappleye Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, will retire after 19 years at the Medical Center.

A born New Yorker, graduate of Yale Sheffield Scientific School where he received a Ph.B., he took his M.D. at P&S in 1924, served surgical and obstetrical internships at Roosevelt Hospital. Eight years after finishing his obstetrical residency at New York Lying In Hospital in 1927 he was appointed to the faculty of the New York University College of Medicine. He became Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology there in 1944 and Director of the Obstetrical and Gynecological Division at Bellevue Hospital.

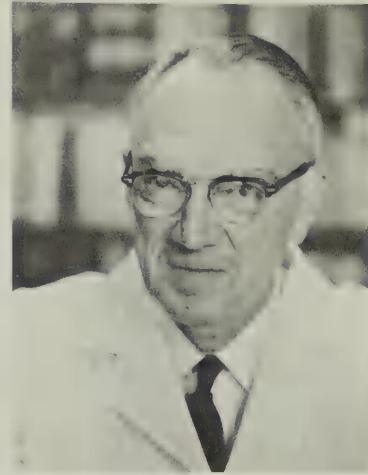
## EARNED MANY HONORS

Dr. Taylor also served as Director of the Gynecologic Service at Memorial Hospital and Director of the Obstetrical and Gynecologic Division at Bellevue Hospital.

Among many honors received during his career were an honorary fellowship in the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Great Britain, and membership in many societies for obstetrics and gynecology in Europe and Asia. He is past president of the American Gynecological Society, and the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics.

In 1964 he was president of the American Cancer Society, in which post he followed a family tradition. His father, Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Sr. headed the Society from 1927-30 and was secretary of the organization committee which formed the society.

In April Dr. Taylor became president-elect of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (May *Steth-*



**Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr.**

*oscope*). He is chairman of the P&S Bi-Centennial Celebration Committee for the 1967-68 joint celebration with the 100th anniversary of Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Taylor has been named Rappleye Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Presbyterian and Delafield Hospitals.

## DR. JACOB FURTH



Dr. Jacob Furth, Professor of Pathology and Director of Pathology Laboratory, Francis Delafield Hospital, came to the Medical Center in 1961, from Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. where he was Director of the Department of Experimental Pathology. His former associations include Harvard Medical School, The Children's Cancer Research Foundation, Boston,

Oak Ridge National Laboratory, New York Hospital, Henry Phipps Institute, University of Pennsylvania and Rockefeller Institute.

Dr. Furth received the M.D. from German University, Prague. He came to the U. S. in 1924 and has received many honors since, among which are the Gold Medal of the American Medical Association, 1932, the Robert Roesler de Villiers Award, Leukemia, 1959, the Semmelweis Medal and Lecture, 1962, and the Clowes Medal and Lecture, 1962. He is past president of the American Society of Experimental Pathology and the American Association for Cancer Research and formerly vice president of Sigma Xi at Cornell Medical College. He is currently on the editorial board of "Blood" and of "Cancer Research" and is Consultant at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and at Brookhaven National Laboratory; Consultant in Pathology, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology; Committee on Radiation and Infection, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board and a member of Reviewing Board in Biology and Medicine, Argonne National Laboratory, University of Chicago.

Dr. Furth has been named Emeritus Professor of Pathology and special lecturer at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and will remain as Director of Pathology Laboratory at Francis Delafield Hospital.

## DR. HALFORD HALLOCK

Dr. Halford Hallock, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Attending Orthopedic Surgeon, received the M.D. from College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1923, served his internships and residency at Presbyterian and New York Orthopaedic Hospital, and has been on their staff since 1931. He is Consultant in Orthopaedics at New York State

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## \$11,000 for Nurse Education

Nursing education here at the Medical Center will benefit from record-breaking receipts of more than \$11,000 from the seventh annual card social and raffle for the Student Nurse Scholarship Fund.

The social event, held April 28 in Maxwell Hall, was attended by more than 250 friends of our nursing school. Winning raffle tickets were drawn at the same time.

The top prize in the raffle, a trip for two to Puerto Rico with accommodations at the Americana of San Juan, went to Mrs. R. Samuel of Ardsley-on-Hudson. She is the mother of Nancy Samuel, R.N., Class of '62.

## MORE LUCKY ONES

Other lucky number holders included Margaret Ryan of Long Island, autumn haze mink stole; E. Ultley, Englewood, N. J., silver coffee service; Mrs. G. J. Sallee, Manhattan, B. Altman gift certificate; Mrs. James R. Harman, Trenton, N. J. (mother of student nurse Catherine Harman '65), mink collared cashmere sweater, and Mrs. E. J. Smith, Bergenfield, N. J. (clerk, P.H. record room), Kodak movie camera.

Also taking prizes were Mrs. M. L. Peters, the Bronx (Sloane Nursing Office), set of matched luggage; Dr. and Mrs. Noel Mills, Manhattan (she's Joy Johnson Mills, R.N., Class of '64), Steuben glass; Mrs. Arnold Race, Malone, N. Y., handmade afghan; Mrs. George Hahn, Rosemont, Pa. (mother of student nurses Anne and Elizabeth Hahn '65), Timex watch, and E. Sloan, Plandome, L. I., desk clock.

## AND STILL MORE

Also, Mrs. Chester Grove, Gasport, N. Y., crystal ashtray; Lucille D. Manning, R.N., Manhattan (PH night supervisor), an umbrella; Mrs. Randal Morgan, Chestnut Hill, Pa., bed jacket, and Ronald Wagner, Stamford, Conn., double strand of pearls.

At the card social, two special drawings were held. General drawing winners: Mrs. R. W. Mueller (mother of student nurse Gretchen Mueller Coughlin '65), Saks \$100 gift certificate; Natalie Higgs, North Tarrytown, N. Y., case of scotch; S. Wehrell, Ridge-wood, N. J., enameled copper dish, and Ralph Ellis, Ridge-wood, N. J., theater tickets.

Winners of a special drawing for student nurses were Georgia Thacker, \$25 gift certificate; Lois Coupe and Susan Carhart, each receiving certificates for dinner for two.

## Aide Rose Otto Retires; She'll Live in Catskills

Friends and co-workers of Mrs. Rose Otto, nursing aide on Sloane-15, bid her farewell at a retirement party held here on May 14, her final day on duty.

A native of Germany who grew up and lived in a small community near Nurnberg, Bavaria, Mrs. Otto came to the United States in 1952 with her husband, Paul, and son Frederick, now 28.

## BEGAN HERE IN '55

She began her employment in Sloane on March 7, 1955.

Mrs. Otto, who resides in the Medical Center neighborhood, plans a move in the near future.

"After my husband retires in September, we will go to make our home in a little house we've been getting ready in the Catskills, near Rensselaer," she said. "It's very quiet there, with plenty of fresh air—and we will have a beautiful view of the mountains."

She indicated she and her husband will be kept busy painting and papering around the house and tending a vegetable garden they have planted in the yard, or a rock garden situated just beside the house.



**Mrs. Rose Otto**

## Going Home to Wilkes-Barre

Miss Margaret Kennedy, executive secretary of our Nursing Alumnae Association, is taking an early retirement, effective July 1. She has served the Association for 22 years. Her first Medical Center employment was in 1932-33 when for 18 months she was a clerk in the Presbyterian Hospital nursing office. After returning to her home town, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., secretary in the regional office of Singer Sewing Machine Co., she came back to the Medical Center in 1943, assuming the duties with the Nursing Alumnae Association which made her well known to thousands of our nursing graduates. In retirement she will live with her sisters in Wilkes-Barre.





## TRUSTEES

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Corp., and Morgan Guaranty Trust Co.

During his government career he received the Distinguished Service Medal (presented by General Eisenhower), the President's Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service, the Distinguished Service Award of the Department of State, the Croix de Guerre with Palm (France), the Order of Leopold (Belgium) and the Order of the Rising Sun (Japan). He holds honorary doctorates from seven American universities.

Born in Milwaukee Oct. 28, 1894, he was educated at Marquette Academy and University and George Washington University Law School. He entered the civil service in 1915 as a postal clerk; he retired five years ago as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

Mr. Murphy is married to the former Mildred C. Taylor; they have two daughters, Rosemary and Mildred Margaret.

### GERALD L. PHILLIPPE

Mr. Phillippe (pronounced FILL-a-pee), 55, a resident of Scarsdale, N. Y., has been chairman of the board of General Electric since 1963. He began his GE career in 1933 enrolled in the company's Business Training Course. He had risen to comptroller and general manager of the company's accounting services by August 1961, when he was elected company president.

He is a member and past officer of Financial Executives Institute, a trustee of the National Industrial Conference Board and a director of the Council for Financial Aid to Education.

Born Sept. 27, 1909 in Ute, Iowa, he spent his boyhood in Basin, Wyoming, where he acquired the nickname, "Flip." He was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from University of Nebraska with a master of arts degree in 1933, receiving the Alpha Kappa Psi award. In 1960 the university awarded him an honorary LL.D. degree.

He is married to the former Jean Reese; they have three children, Carol, Sue and Richard.

## 114 NEW M.D.'s

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cal Student Research Award in Psychiatry;

*Drs. Richard T. O'Brien and Ronald K. St. John*, Prizes in Urology;

*Ethelann Murray*, Thomas F. Cock Prize for a 3rd Year Student.

During the brief ceremonies here, names of the M.D. candidates were read by Dr. George A. Perera, Associate Dean for Medicine, and the

## Diplomat Among Warriors



DIPLOMAT PINS THE WARRIOR

Near the site of ancient Carthage, at La Marsa, Tunisia, in 1943, Robert Murphy pins on Gen. Dwight Eisenhower an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal. General Ike later returned the honor, pinning a Distinguished Service Medal on Murphy.

Some of the adventures encountered by Robert D. Murphy during a U. S. Foreign Service career that spanned 39 years read like plot outlines for the "Man from U.N.C.L.E." television series.

Chairman of the Board of Corning Glass International and a newly-elected member of the Presbyterian Hospital Board of Trustees, Mr. Murphy went to work as a Post Office Department clerk in 1915. He transferred to the State Department during World War I.

His early assignments with the U. S. Foreign Service were served in Zurich, Munich and Seville. In 1930 he began duties in our Embassy in Paris that were to keep him increasingly busy for over 10 years.

In June 1940 when German troops entered Paris after the French capital had been declared an open city, it was Robert Murphy, Counselor of the Embassy, who met the German commanding general to safeguard American and French interests.

### SECRET AGENT FOR ROOSEVELT

Then began a new phase of his diplomatic career. President Roosevelt summoned Mr. Murphy to Washington for a brief private conversation. He emerged from this talk as a secret agent, the President's personal representative and General Eisenhower's political adviser in the no-man's-land of French North Africa.

His first job: to muster support among the Vichy French, Free French and Neutral French for the proposed Allied invasion of Africa. (Because the three French factions were engaged in a battle for supremacy among themselves, Mr. Murphy's success required a masterpiece of diplomacy to accomplish.)

For helping to pave the way for the African invasion, Mr. Murphy was presented the Distinguished Service Medal by General Eisenhower.

Mr. Murphy accompanied Allied troops into Europe, serving first as American ambassador on the Advisory Council to the Allied Control Commission for Italy. Later he was U. S. political advisor on German Affairs, with headquarters at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces.

He remained in Germany in the crucial years following the German surrender, participating in numerous international conferences on the future of Germany.

### WORKED CLOSELY WITH 3 PRESIDENTS

After three years as U. S. ambassador to Belgium, he became our first postwar ambassador to Japan and helped negotiate the Korean armistice agreement. He then served on the American delegation to the United Nations, becoming involved in the Suez Crisis and the landings of U. S. Marines in Lebanon in 1958.

diplomas were awarded by Dean H. Houston Merritt.

The Rev. Edwin M. Barton, director of student activities, gave the Invocation and Benediction.

The 114 graduates, including 11 women, will soon begin year internships at hospitals from New York to San Francisco and from Montreal to Houston.

## Fannie E. Rippel Grant

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Gen. Lucius Clay, chairman of the Medical Center Development Committee, said:

"This wonderful support to help advance research and care for cancer patients is the second generous grant the Rippel Foundation has made to our Medical Center Development Program."

Earlier, the Foundation contributed \$200,000 for a cardiac research laboratory in the new William Black Medical Research Building.

### EARLY '66 COMPLETION

The new radiotherapy center, to be completed early next year, will triple Presbyterian Hospital's capacity for radiotherapy. The hospital has the largest staff of full-time radiologists in the United States, and is widely recognized for the scholarly attainments of its members and the outstand-

ing postgraduate program offered.

Dr. William B. Seaman, Director of Radiology at Presbyterian Hospital and Chairman of the Department of Radiology at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, said the new radiotherapy center will centralize facilities now located in five different sections of the hospital. It will provide impetus to much promising research, enhance teaching facilities and will make possible more versatility in selecting the optimum use of radiotherapy for each patient.

Dr. Seaman said the unit will house modern high energy radiation equipment including a 24 million volt Betatron, one of nine such units in the United States, a linear accelerator (six to eight million volts) and a cobalt machine (equivalent to two million volts).

### ALMOST \$1,000,000

The Rippel Foundation grant has been awarded on a matching basis, and will be matched by new gifts of \$300,000 raised by Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center for the new facility, General Clay said.

He added that the grant increases to almost \$1,000,000 the amount raised for this important new unit. Other contributions toward this project have come from the United States Public Health Service and private sources.

### To Honor Dr. Dische

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throughout his long career. Dr. Dische, who is in his seventieth year, will receive the Proctor Medal of the Association for Research in Ophthalmology. This is the highest international distinction in investigative work in ophthalmology and will be presented at a dinner of the Association on June 22.



Excavation work on new \$1,500,000 Radiotherapy Center nears completion

During his long governmental career, Mr. Murphy worked closely with three Presidents: Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower. He tells of his experiences in a best-selling book, *Diplomat Among Warriors*, recently released in a paperback edition.

The dust jacket of Mr. Murphy's book states in part:

"Murphy reported directly to Roosevelt and carried out his orders outside the chain of command, sometimes by-passing his superiors in the Department of State. As a result of this unorthodox procedure many significant events of the war went unrecorded."

"In *Diplomat Among Warriors* Robert Murphy tells the inside story of his first special assignment and of subsequent missions for Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower, filling in the gaps that still remain in the official records of the United States government."

"Serving quietly and competently as a high-level international trouble-shooter, Robert Murphy achieved an impressive reputation as a man who could get things done in the face of bewildering adversity. His book is an objective, first-hand account of history in the making."



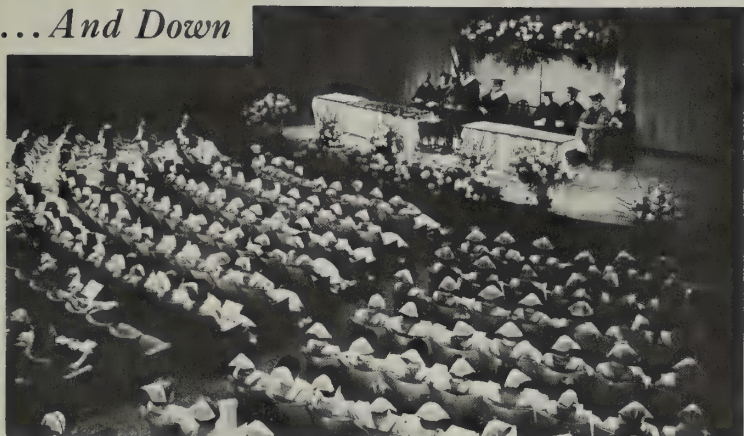
# Despite The Drizzle, Nurse Graduation Was No Fizzle

*The New Alumni Auditorium Was Packed...*



*Upstairs...*

*...And Down*



View of the dais, with Roger M. Blough presiding over ceremonies

Elizabeth S. Gill leads happy graduates from the auditorium



## HIGH IDEALS

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here since the old Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing became the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University. Most graduates of the school since 1940 and all since 1957 have received a bachelor of science degree, as well as a pin and a certificate from the Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Rappleye, dean emeritus of Columbia's Faculty of Medicine, urged the graduates in his address to cling closely to the high ideals held aloft by their instructors and to devote themselves to advancing good health wherever they go.

## CITES RESPONSIBILITIES

"Those of you who continue in professional careers will be challenged by many new scientific and clinical advances," he said. "Those of you who follow other careers should be aware that you will always be a member of your profession and as a citizen also you will be faced with responsibilities in your community for helping to develop and support sound health policies."

"Nursing, like medicine, is a way of life characterized by continuous self-education in which obligations to our fellow men never cease."

Similar advice was offered by Roger M. Blough, a trustee of Presbyterian Hospital and board chairman of United States Steel Corp., who presided during the ceremonies.

"Today you young ladies commence your membership in one of society's most honored professions, one which requires nothing less than the very best you can give to the task—and the privilege—of helping to alleviate human suffering," Mr. Blough said.

## A REWARDING CALLING

"If nursing is a demanding calling (which it surely is), it is also a very rewarding one. Few professions offer such rich dividends in personal satisfaction for a job well done."

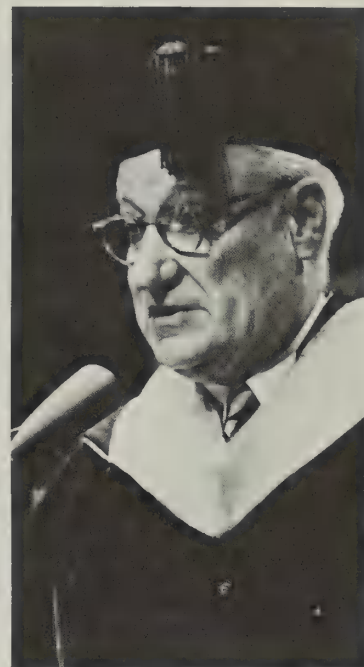
Presenting the graduates their Columbia University diplomas for the degree of bachelor of science was Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

Mrs. Frederic F. deRham, a trustee of the Hospital, and Miss Elizabeth S. Gill, Director of Nursing and Associate Dean (Nursing), presented the nursing pins and certificates.

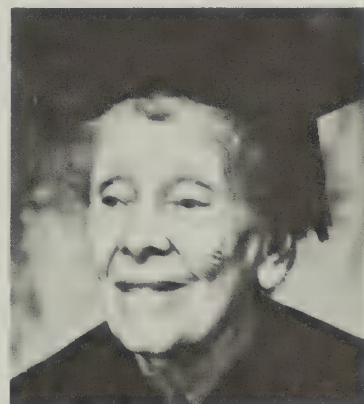
Hospital chaplains participating were the Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Jr., Rabbi Marvin J. Goldfine and Father Guy S. Vinci.



SEEING DOUBLE: Graduating twins Anne and Elizabeth Hahn



DEAN RAPPLEYE  
"Keep your ideals high"



MISS HELEN YOUNG  
Director Emeritus of the school of nursing attends her 54th graduation exercises

## MISS BOWEN

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belief in the individual. This spirit overflowed to her friends, many who were devoted during a life time. Her zest and enthusiasm for life was never bounded by her own frailness of body and health and served as an inspiration to all who knew her."

## DR. KALLMAN

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Herzberge and Berlin-Wuhl-garten for seven years.

During his years in Berlin, he bitterly opposed Nazi laws calling for compulsory sterilization of psychotic patients. Consequently he was forbidden to publish his writings or to speak at medical meetings in Germany.

In 1936 he left his homeland and began his career on the staff of the New York State Psychiatric Institute.

He was well known for studies conducted on hundreds of sets of twins in New York State, concentrating on various forms of mental disorder and mental defect, aging and longevity and pulmonary tuberculosis.

## NUMEROUS AWARDS

Among the awards given to Dr. Kallmann were the Thomas William Salmon Memorial Lectureship of the New York Academy of Medicine, the Samuel W. Hamilton Medal of the American Psychopathological Association and the special gold medals of the Medical School in Salerno (Italy) and of the Eastern Psychiatric Research Association in New York. In 1957 he received an honorary medical degree from the University of Torino, Italy.

Dr. Kallmann helped organize the First (Copenhagen 1956) and Second (Rome 1961) International Congresses of Human Genetics and was chairman of the permanent committee for International Congresses of Human Genetics.

Dr. Kallmann is survived by his widow, the former Helen J. Burger, who assisted him in a number of his studies.

Gifts in Dr. Kallmann's memory may be made to the Ottman Fund for Cancer Research at The Presbyterian Hospital.



# 15th Art Show Had Fine Paintings, Sculpture, Craft Items, Photography, ... And A "What's It?"



"GAY HEAD FROM THE NORTH"

Dr. C. R. Wise admires the watercolor with artist Ruth Bogan



WHERE EASTER EGGS GROW ON TREES

Captivated by the colorful beauty of Barbara-Ann Carter's "Easter Egg Tree" are Mrs. A. J. Binkert, left, and Mrs. H. Houston Merritt.

## What's So Fascinating?



Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., seems puzzled; Dr. C. R. Wise is evidently amused. What's got their attention? See page 7.

The number of entries, 125, set no record, but the quality of the works on display made the 15th Annual Medical Center Arts and Crafts Show one of the most successful ever, according to the Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Jr., chairman.

The items exhibited were entered by 65 talented members of the Medical Center family, including physicians and surgeons, nurses and technicians, dietitians and dentists, secretaries and students, volunteers and retired personnel.

Types of work entered included oils, pastels and water colors; lithographs, etchings and drawings; sculpture and wood carving; photographs and handicraft items.

The exhibition, held in the library annex on the 20th floor, ran from May 3 through 14, beginning with a preview tea for artists and their guests. Hostesses were Mrs. A. J. Binkert, wife of the executive vice president of Presbyterian Hospital, and Mrs. H. Houston Merritt, wife of the dean of Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons.



"THE CHASE"

Kurt Lopez, supervisor of the Animal Care Dept., created this interesting piece of sculpture.

## Dedicate Lab June 11 Honoring Memory of Dr. Frank L. Meleney

The "Frank L. Meleney Laboratory of Surgical Bacteriology" was dedicated June 11 on P&S 17. Here, and in the laboratories which it replaced in 1952, Dr. Meleney and Miss Balbina Johnson in fruitful collaboration, worked for over 30 years, discovering the cause and cure of symbiotic surgical infections and developing the antibiotic "Bacitracin."

## NINE RETIRING DOCTORS

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Reconstruction Hospital and at St. Albans Naval Hospital, and Impartial Specialist, Workmen's Compensation Board, New York. Among his memberships are The International Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology, Phi Chi Medical Society, Alpha Omega Alpha and the Research Committee, American Orthopaedic Association. He was a member of the Board of Associate Editors of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, 1961-64.

DR. JOHN M. BRUSH



Dr. John M. Brush, Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Attending Pediatrician, has spent his entire professional career at the Medical Center. He received the M.D. from College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1925, served an internship at Presbyterian Hospital and at Babies Hospital, where he also did his residency, and has been on the staff here since 1929. Among his memberships are the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Diabetic Association. Dr. Brush was president of the Twenty-Five Year Club at the Medical Center for 1962-63. He plans to continue his pediatric practice.

DR. MARYNIA F. FARNHAM

Dr. Marynia F. Farnham, Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Assistant Attending Psychiatrist, will retire after 9 years at the Medical Center. She came to Vanderbilt Clinic in 1956 after serving as Consulting Director of Psychiatric Services at The Children's Village, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. Previously she had been at Payne Whitney Rehabilitation Clinic, the Outpatient Children's Service of the N. Y. Psychiatric Institute, on the Medical Care program at the New York State Temporary Emergency Relief Administration and the Traveling Child Health Clinic of the New York State Department of Health. She received the M.D. from the University of Minnesota Medical School, served a general internship at Minneapolis General Hospital, a residency at Children's Hospital, Boston and at Manhattan State Hospital. Dr. Farnham has been in private prac-

tice of general psychiatry since 1935.

DR. WILLIAM CURTH



Dr. William Curth, Attending Dermatologist, Associate in Dermatology at Vanderbilt Clinic, came to Vanderbilt Clinic in 1931. He received the M.D. in 1925 from the Medical Faculty of the State University of Berlin, Germany, served a rotating internship at University Hospital, Berlin and a residency at the Rudolf Virchow Hospital, Berlin.

Since 1935 Dr. Curth has been physician-in-Charge of the City of New York Social Hygiene Clinic.

DR. HELEN O. CURTH



Dr. Helen O. Curth, has been with the Department of Dermatology since 1932 when she came here as an Instructor. She is Special Lecturer in Dermatology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Attending Dermatologist, Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Curth received the M.D. from the Universities of Breslau, Freiburg and Munich and served an internship and residency at the University Clinic, Breslau and the Rudolf Virchow Hospital, Berlin. She is Consultant at Doctor's Hospital and is on the Editorial Board of Der Hautarzt. Among her memberships are the American Society of Human Genetics; she is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Dermatology, and the Medical Society of the County of New York and vice president of the Dermatological Society of Greater New York.

Dr. Putnam C. Lloyd, As-

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OVERALL VIEW OF THE FESTIVITIES AT RECENT 25 YEAR CLUB BANQUET

## 25 Year Club Members Have A Ball



Outgoing Club President Dr. Rollo Masselink shakes the hand of veteran Protective Officer George (Mickey) Castine



From left, Mary Murray, Bruno Carita, Mrs. Viola Grollimund, Mrs. Lillian Penka, Walton Trotman

### It's A "What's It?"



This is the art work that caused double-takes throughout the recent Art Show, a tongue-in-cheek creation by Chaplain R. B. Reeves. A sign mounted near it instructed: "This double illusion is doubly intriguing if you make it spin by pressing the suspended button. Please switch it off when you have had enough!"

### Elect Dr. Baker New President



DR. D. C. BAKER, JR.

Dr. Daniel C. Baker, Jr., director of the Service of Otolaryngology, is the new president of the Medical Center's 25 Year Club. He succeeds Dr. Rollo J. Masselink, attending neurologist, who served a year in the top office.

The election was May 6 in Bard Hall during the club's annual banquet. Some 350 members attended.

Other new officers are as follows:

Vice presidents: Gladys Barrett, unit manager of Mary Harkness Unit, and Henrietta A. Wyss, secretary, Department of Radiology.

Treasurer: Thomas P. Fleming, medical librarian.

Secretary: Catherine Adair, secretary to Dr. Dana Atchley.

Assistant secretary: Hester Brown, senior supervisor of Orthopedic Nursing.

#### 750 MEMBERS

Forty-one new members were initiated at the banquet, increasing the club's membership to just over 750.

In addition to the 38 new members listed in the April *Stethoscope*, these persons were also initiated: Marie Byron, superintendent, Neurological Institute; Dr. Henriette R. Klein, Psychiatry; Dr. Max Liebmann, Dermatology, and Fred A. Pheulpin, Medical Library.



From left, Balbina Johnson, Dr. F. Philip Lowenfish, Dr. Alice T. Baker, Dr. Robert A. Kritzer, Mrs. Louise Wichman



George H. Briggs, A. J. Binkert, William Weinert, Stanley Traska



EDITOR'S NOTE: Singing spokesman for new members at the recent 25 Year Club banquet was Dr. George A. Perera, associate dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and attending physician at Presbyterian Hospital. His presentation, a parody of a familiar song from *H.M.S. Pinafore*, was so witty and well received that it is being printed here to preserve it for posterity.

### H. M. S. Presbyterian

(With tardy apologies to Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan)

By GEORGE A. PERERA, M.D.

When we were lads and lassies we started our term  
As aides and helpers to Binkert's firm.

We cared for the patients and got the pans done,  
And waited for the elevators on P.H. one.

We waited for the elevators on P.H. one.

We waited so long and so patiently,  
That now we've reached our Silver Anniversary.

We waited so long and so patiently  
That now we've reached our Silver Anniversary.

As young men and women we made such a mark,  
That we sometimes got a raise and a place to park.  
We served the Center with a smile so sincere,  
And did the dirty chores without shedding a tear.

We did the dirty chores without shedding a tear.

We worked so hard and so loyally,  
That now we're members of the Quarter Century.

We worked so hard and so loyally,  
That now we're members of the Quarter Century.

While helping the Presbyterian of which we are so fond,  
We felt like tiny fish in an ever-bigger pond.  
Less sun to see as new buildings skyward point,  
And oh so many people to run the joint.

It takes all of us to run the joint.

But now we know we're loved—sing rub-a-dub-dub,  
For we're elected to the Twenty-Five Year Club,  
But now we know we're loved—sing rub-a-dub-dub,  
For we're elected to the Twenty-Five Year Club.



# BABIES CAMPAIGN NEARS \$2,000,000 MARK

## Mrs. John S. Tilney, R. Peter Rose Agree to Head Major Committees

The appointment of two committee chairmen in the Babies Hospital \$5,000,000 Campaign for renovation and expansion has been announced by August Belmont, campaign chairman.

They are Mrs. John S. Tilney, chairman of the Women's Committee, and R. Peter Rose, chairman of the Special Gifts Committee.

The Babies Hospital Campaign, officially launched January 13, is a phase of the \$50,000,000 Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Campaign.

### MRS. JOHN S. TILNEY

Mrs. Tilney, a resident of Manhattan, has been a dedicated and able member of the Babies Hospital Board of Women Managers since March 1956.

She served the Board of Women Managers as president for four years, 1959-62, and was vice-president in 1963.

Very interested in the welfare of hospitals, she headed the Manhattan and Bronx Women's Division of the United Hospital Fund during the 1961 and 1962 campaigns and the following year served the U.H.F. as vice-chairman of the Women's Executive Committee.

Mrs. Tilney is the former Cynthia Haskell of Boston. Her husband is a partner in the investment firm of Wood, Walker & Co.

The Tilneys have three children. Cynthia, 19, a Candy-Striper on the Babies Hospital recreation floor during the summers of 1962 and 1963, is a student at Pine Manor Junior College, Wellesley, Mass.; Mary Anne, 17, is at St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md., and John S. Jr., 15, is at Groton School, Groton, Mass.

### MR. R. PETER ROSE



Mr. Rose, a partner in the Stock Exchange firm of DeCoppet & Doremus, has been a



Mrs. John S. Tilney

member of the Presbyterian Hospital Corporation since Nov. 6, 1957.

Born in New York City, Mr. Rose was educated at St. Paul's School, Columbia and Harvard, where he majored in psychology and received the bachelor of arts degree in 1951. At the end of World War II he served in the Navy as a hospital corpsman; recalled to active Navy duty as a corpsman during the Korean Conflict, he was commissioned an ensign and assigned to Naval Air Intelligence.

Mr. Rose and his wife, the former Beirne Waters, make their home at Oyster Bay, L. I. with their two children.

Mrs. Rose has been an active member of the Babies Hospital Board of Women Managers for nine years and has served as president of the organization since 1963.

### RETIRING M. D.'s

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sociate Clinical Professor of Medicine and Associate Attending Physician, received the M.D. in 1924 from University of Michigan, served his internship and residency at Presbyterian Hospital and joined the staff in 1929. During World War II he served overseas with the 2nd General Hospital from 1942-45. He is a member of the county, state and national Medical Associations, Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the Society of U. S. Medical Consultants, World War II.

Dr. Amanda Hoff, Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, Bellevue Hospital took her M.D. at Physicians and Surgeons in 1926 and a doctorate in Tropical Medicine at the University of London in 1932. She studied at the Puerto Rico School of Tropical

Gifts of almost \$2,000,000 have been contributed to the Babies Hospital \$5,000,000 Campaign for expansion and renovation, according to August Belmont, campaign committee chairman.

Mr. Belmont said that contributions through the end of

May added up to \$1,970,138. The Babies campaign is a part of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center \$50,000,000 Development Program, under the chairmanship of General Lucius D. Clay.

Plans approved for the Babies Hospital project call for a

one-third increase in the size of the hospital through a two-story addition south of the existing building, which will be modernized.

The new addition will house facilities for laboratories, staff offices and conference rooms, all of which are now cramped in the present hospital. Later, a complete renovation of the hospital will create needed modern facilities for patient care, new treatment apparatus, adequate nurses' stations and other improvements.

Mr. Belmont said that Babies Hospital will benefit from other provisions in the overall Development Program, including an entire floor for pediatric research in the William Black Medical Research Building, as well as offices in the proposed Doctors' Office Building.

Already in use is the new McAllister Suite, containing operating rooms, recovery room and intensive care unit. Located on the 9th floor of the hospital, it was dedicated on January 13, the official opening date of the campaign.

## Hematology Lab to Perpetuate Memory of The Rose Children

A gift of \$105,000 from Mr. and Mrs. R. Peter Rose for a hematology laboratory in the proposed addition to Babies Hospital has been announced by August Belmont, chairman of the Babies Hospital Campaign Committee.

Mr. Belmont said the gift is in memory of the Rose children, George and Bartlett, who died in Babies Hospital of a rare blood disease.

In the Rose Hematology Laboratory there will be considerable research carried on, as well as certain diagnostic tests.

Its facilities will be brought to bear on many of the blood disorders of children admitted to Babies Hospital. These include numerous forms of anemia, disorders of blood clotting mechanisms and a variety of other problems, such as the leukemias, which require complex laboratory investigation to make clinical management possible.

## THESE LADIES WILL HELP, TOO

Two events to stimulate interest in the Babies Hospital Development campaign were held last month by the members of the Board of Women Managers.

Mrs. Carll Tucker was hostess with the Board at a tea at her home on May 3, and a special Development Fund luncheon for Board members and their guests was held in Harkness Hall on May 11.

New workers in the campaign who have joined the Women's Committee, although they are not members of the auxiliary, include:

Mrs. Henry I. Barbey, Mrs. E. Bigotte, Mrs. John A. H. Carver, Mrs. Benjamin Coates, Mrs. J. Negley Cooke, Mrs. Mary Sharp Cronson, Mrs. George S. Franklin, Jr., Mrs. J. J. Haggerty, Jr., Mrs. John Randolph Hearst and Mrs. Franklin J. Horne.

Also, Mrs. DeWitt Horner, Mrs. Laurence S. Johnson, Mrs. Cameron F. MacRae, Mrs. Edwin Megargee, Mrs. Keith M. Moffat, Mrs. Orson D. Munn, Sr., Mrs. Orson D. Munn, Jr., Mrs. John M. Schiff, Mrs. H. Allan Silcox, Mrs. Roger A. Van der Straeten and Mrs. Frederick S. Whitlock.

Most recent additions to the Women's Committee are Mrs. Theodore N. Danforth, Mrs. Roy M. Goodman, Mrs. Christopher L. Lindsey and Mrs. Frederick R. Moseley, Jr.

Medicine, 1933-34 and then came to the 1st Medical Division at Bellevue.

## DR. ALEXANDER HONORED AGAIN

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further this end. The importance of communication has never escaped her, so that her observations in the laboratory and their application to the treatment of sick children have been lucidly explained to her professional colleagues. In addition, she has given time to the councils of those organizations whose task it is to provide administrative support for the acquisition and distribution of pediatric knowledge. In all these areas, clinical care, research, teaching and administrative counsel, Dr. Alexander has consistently demonstrated that she has earned the designation of "Quippe quae numquam imminor esset puerorum," "Who was never unmindful of children."

### MEDAL'S INSCRIPTION

The gold medal, presented at the joint meeting in Philadelphia last month of the Society for Pediatric Research and the American Pediatric Society, bears the sculptured head of a child and the hospital's award designation on one side and on the other the inscription "To Hattie E. Alexander, who was never unmindful of children."

In his presentation, Dr. Bongiovanni, physician-in-chief at Children's Hospital, also cited other work by Dr. Alexander toward the health of children, work reflected in 17 textbooks and 68 scientific contributions.

During this meeting the 1965 Howland medal of the American Pediatric Society was presented by Dr. Alexander to Dr. John Caffey, retired radiologist of Babies Hospital (see May *Stethoscope*). Dr. Alexander is president of the Society.

Among many honors received by Dr. Alexander, who has been at Babies Hospital for more than 30 years, was the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center's Distinguished Service Medal, given at the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration of Babies Hospital in April, 1963.

Babies Hospital Pediatrician Dr. Hattie Alexander with her gold medal. A distinguished international panel selected her to receive the award.







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Hypnotized girl stares at TV image of Dr. Herbert Spiegel

## Dr. D. S. Damrosch Named Assistant Vice President

The appointment of Dr. Douglas S. Damrosch as an assistant vice president of The Presbyterian Hospital effective July 1, has been announced by A. J. Binkert, Executive Vice-President of the Hospital. He will carry out special assignments in professional service activities. Dr. Damrosch will continue his duties as associate attending pediatrician at Babies Hospital and associate clinical professor of pediatrics at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

## Hartford Foundation Grants \$407,950 for Continuation Of Hepatitis Research Here

The John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc. has awarded a \$407,950 grant to The Presbyterian Hospital for continuation of a study of hepatitis.

The grant, designated for a three-year period, was announced by Ralph W. Burger, President of the Foundation, and Augustus C. Long, President of the Hospital.

Mr. Long noted that the new grant increases to \$816,850 the money the Hartford Foundation has awarded to underwrite the hospital's hepatitis research. Its original grant to the hospital for this work, given in 1961, was \$408,900.

The research project is being carried out under the direction of Dr. Stanley E. Bradley, Director of the Medical

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## Hypnosis via TV Possible

### Psychiatrists Warn of Dangers

Two Medical Center psychiatrists brought a dramatic finale to the recent 114th Annual Convention of the American Medical Association in New York's Coliseum.

They asserted (and demonstrated by TV tape) that it is possible to hypnotize certain persons via television.

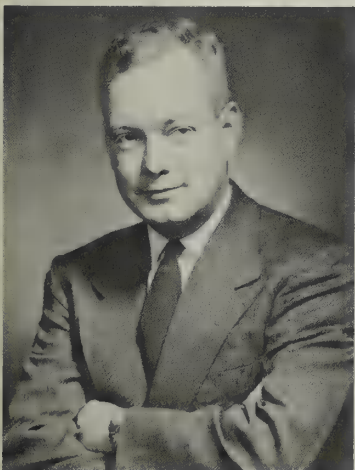
They also voiced a warning that unscrupulous operators might "confuse, exploit and deceive hypnotizable subjects" and stressed "the compelling need to maintain responsible, stringent safeguards and control over the policy and personnel having access to public broadcasting systems."

Presenting the final paper (#631) on the final day (June 24)

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## Dr. Ernest H. Wood Returns To Direct Neuroradiology

The newly appointed Director of Neuroradiology, Dr. Ernest H. Wood, returns to the Medical Center after an absence of 13 years. Since 1952 he had been Professor of Radiology at the University of



Dr. Ernest H. Wood

North Carolina and Chief of the Radiological Service at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill. He succeeds Dr. Juan Taveras.

Dr. Wood received the M.D. degree from Harvard in 1935, served an internship at Philadelphia General Hospital and then came to Presbyterian as resident in Radiology, 1941-43,

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Dr. Douglas S. Damrosch

A familiar figure at Babies Hospital since 1941 when he began his residency here, Dr. Damrosch has been on the professional and academic staffs since, interrupted only by active duty with the Navy from 1942 until 1946.

### A NEW YORK NATIVE

A native New Yorker, he attended Kent School and Columbia College (A.B. 1937) and received the M.D. degree

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## Nosmo King Is No Joke

### When You See the Name, Obey!

There's an old, old joke about the Frenchman who returned to Paris from a tour of the United States raving about a famous American no one else had ever heard of, one Nosmo King.

To his mystified friends he exclaimed how he had seen the name of this Nosmo King everywhere . . . in the theater, the museums, even in the subway.

An expatriate American living on the Left Bank finally cleared up the mystery by having the Frenchman write down the name of this "Great American."

He penned: NO SMOKING.

There are signs around the Medical Center bearing the same

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## Name Dr. J. George Moore As New Chief of Obs-Gyn

Dr. J. George Moore, a native Californian, has been named director of service, departmental chairman and Rappleye Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The appointments have been announced by Augustus C. Long, president of the Hospital, and Dr. H. Houston Merritt, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He will also be at-

tending obstetrician and gynecologist.

Dr. Moore, 48, succeeds Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr. He comes to New York from Los Angeles where he had been

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Dr. J. George Moore

## 4th Award For Stethoscope

For the fourth time in five years, *The Stethoscope* has been designated to receive an award for excellence in the field of Hospital Bulletins-Combination Class.

Judges in the 1964-65 MacEachern Competitions, sponsored by *Hospital Management* magazine, voted for the Medical Center's monthly newspaper after reviewing news publications entered by hospitals

throughout the United States and Canada.

The award, a plaque, will be presented during the American Hospital Association convention in San Francisco on August 30.

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## STETHOSCOPIA

### ■ CUPID'S BUSY

Dr. Louis Scarrone, Jr., Assistant Physician, Vanderbilt Clinic, and Miss Margaret Mellon Hitchcock, were wed recently. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock, a vice president of the Women's Auxiliary of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital.

Doreen Suzanne Polak, medical student, became the bride of Dr. Arie Liebeskind recently in a ceremony at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Leona McKeown, R.N. on Harkness 2, married Mr. Walter Neffmiller of Greck Neck, N. Y. on July 24 in Canada.

Margaret M. Curry, secretary in the Departments of Microbiology and in Ophthalmology, married Mr. James J. Mawdsley early in the summer.

Helen M. Kirk, medical chemistry, and Mr. Richard Donald Dieterly were wed at Pendle Hill, a Quaker Center near Philadelphia.

### ■ PLAN TO WED

James Parsons Simsarian, fourth year student at P&S, and Miss Margaret Miller Thompson of Guilford, Conn. plan to marry on September 4.

G. Stephen Rosenblum, medical student at P&S, and Miss Carol Suchman of New Rochelle will wed on September 1.

Susan Hillman, Social Service, is betrothed to Mr. Milford Crandall, a teacher in Amagansett, L. I.

Dr. John Calvin Morrison Brust, Jr., resident in medicine, and Miss Mary Duncan Noyes of New Canaan will marry this fall.

Sara Guaneri, secretary in Harkness Hall, and Mr. Victor Anderson, of Old Bridge, N. J. will marry on October 16. The couple plan to live in Old Bridge.

Dr. Robert Louis Pickens, surgical intern, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Roess of New Haven, Conn. are engaged.

Wesley David Hager, second year student at P&S, and Miss Lois Northrop Bennet of Lyme, Conn. have announced their betrothal.

### ■ AND THE STORK VISITED

Dr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Stahl welcomed a son James Ezra, born in Harkness recently. Father is assistant physician in Vanderbilt Clinic. This is the couple's second son.

### ● HELLO

Laurie Orth, has transferred to the Unit Manager's Office, Babies Hospital.

### ■ GOODBYE

Mrs. Virginia Hulsman, Babies Hospital office, has become a full-time housewife. We miss you, Ginny. *Continued on page six*

## Samuel B. Feitelberg Resigns To Accept Academic Challenge

Samuel B. Feitelberg, chief physical therapist and coordinator of physical and occupational therapy, will leave his position here July 30 to become director of the physical therapy program at the College of Health Related Sciences at the Downstate Medical Center, State University of New York.

Mr. Feitelberg is responsible for establishing and opening by September 1966 a school of physical therapy at the college, which is located in Brooklyn. He will hold the academic rank of assistant professor.

He began his Medical Center employment in August 1953 as a staff physical therapist working with cerebral palsy patients in Vanderbilt Clinic. He was promoted to his present position in 1959.



## In Memoriam

DR. C. L. de VICTORIA

Dr. Cassius Lopez de Victoria, 75, assistant attending physician (inactive) in physical medicine and rehabilitation at the Medical Center, died on June 11. At his death he was attending physician in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Rockland State Hospital.

A graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1914, he was one of the early leaders in his specialty. In 1928 he came to Vanderbilt Clinic as assistant surgeon and was appointed to the department of Medicine as an assistant attending physician (physical therapy) and to P&S as an instructor in 1937.

When the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation was established in 1955, Dr. de Victoria joined their staff until his retirement in 1957.

He was a member of the Twenty Five Year Club here.

DR. NORMAN E. TITUS

Dr. Norman E. Titus, former director of physical therapy and attending surgeon at Presbyterian Hospital from 1927-35, died on June 13 at the age of 75.

A graduate of the Class of 1914 at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, he specialized in physical therapy, starting in that practice in 1920. In 1926 he established the Police Department Rehabilitation Service and served as director of rehabilitation with the Veterans Administration in World War II. He retired from the latter post in 1949.

Dr. Titus, a retired colonel in the Army Medical Corps Reserve, is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter and 12 grandchildren.

MORRIS B. JACOBS, Ph.D.

Morris B. Jacobs, Ph.D., associate professor of occupational medicine at Columbia's School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine, died July 12 at age 59.

Born in Russia, he came here as a child, was graduated from City College of New York in 1926, received a master of science degree from New York University in 1929 and a doctorate there in 1931.

He was a crusader against air pollution and in 1953 established the laboratory bureau of the City Department of Air Pollution Control. He was technical advisor to Citizens for Clean Air, Inc.

At the time of his death he was conducting research at Babies Hospital on the effect of air pollution on premature infants.

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## DOINGS OF DOCTORS

DR. DANA W. ATCHLEY, Consultant in Medicine, was one of ten members of a "blue ribbon" panel chosen by President Johnson to make a national survey of the Veterans Administration Hospitals which had been recommended for closing. The decisions of the committee were accepted "in toto" by the president.

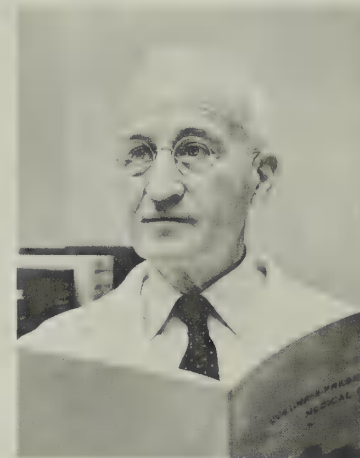
DR. ARTHUR G. DeVOE, Director of the Institute of Ophthalmology, will be moderator of a panel on Corneal Surgery and panelist in a symposium on Post Graduate Teaching in Ophthalmology at the Pan American Congress of Ophthalmology, in Rio de Janeiro, August 15-21.

DR. RAYMOND L. VANDE WIELE, Associate Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, was the E. C. Hamblen Visiting Professor at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Duke University Medical Center.

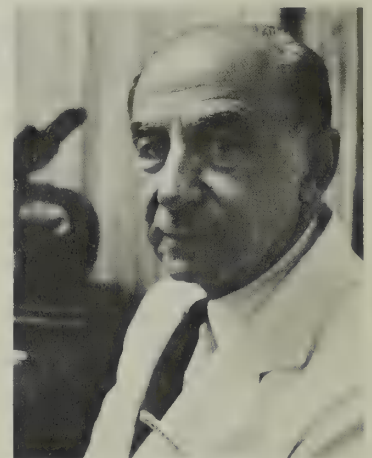
DR. GEORGE F. CRICKLAIR, Attending Surgeon, spoke on the necessity to expand the use of fire-retardant clothing at a recent symposium sponsored by the New York Regional Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

DR. JOSEPH A. C. WADSWORTH, Attending Ophthalmologist, has been named Professor of Ophthalmology at the Duke University Medical School.

DR. M. M. MELICOW, Emeritus Given Professor of Urology, received the best of show award in the 28th annual exhibit of the American Physicians' Art Association. The winning picture was a still life in oil. DR. CLAUDIO GERBI, Assistant Physician, won a first prize in the classical-realistic oils category.



Dr. Dana W. Atchley



Dr. M. M. Melicow

Prizewinners in the New York Section of the American Urological Association Essay Contest are: DR. JOHN P. GRANT, BERNARD M. HOCHBERG and NICHOLAS A. ROMAS, Assistant Residents in Urology.

A Certificate of Merit was awarded to a five-panel exhibit at the AMA Convention entitled "Current Trends in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Genito-Urinary Tuberculosis" by DR. PETER N. DE SANCTIS, chief resident in the Department of Urology.

DR. RAFFAELE LATTES, Attending Surgical Pathologist, has returned from Turin, Italy, where he addressed the Fifth International Medical-Surgical Congress on "Histological Diagnosis of Thyroid Nodules during Operation."

DR. GABRIEL G. NAHAS, Professor of Anesthesiology, recently gave a special lecture at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, D. C. and attended the National Research Council's conference on the use of blood for extracorporeal circulation. While at the conference he read a paper on the "Physiological and Pharmacological Effects of the Addition of Buffer."

DR. HARRY SENECA, Assistant Urologist, was presented the Edward Henderson Lecture Award for 1965 by the American Geriatrics Society. He lectured June 14 on "Infections of the Kidney." The award included a gold medal and an honorarium of \$1,000.

DR. KARLIS ADAMSONS, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, presented a paper "Physiologic Observation During Induced Anemia in Utero in the Rhesus Monkey" at the Pediatric Society meeting and also attended the Annual Meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in San Francisco, where he was a panelist on a closed circuit tv program on "Fetal Transfusions" and presented a paper "Reserpine administration during pregnancy: effects upon adrenal catecholamine stores and thermoregulation of the newborn." At the International Symposium on Prevention of Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality in Lindau, Germany, Dr. Adamsons presented a paper on "Transfer Functions of the Placenta."





Dr. Harry Grundfest, left, and Dr. Lewis P. Rowland receive the Lucy G. Moses Award from Mrs. Moses at a tea on June 22 in Neurological Institute.

## Two Neurologists Awarded Lucy Moses Research Prizes

The second annual Lucy G. Moses Prizes for the best research performed by members of the staff at the Neurological Institute and members of the Departments of Neurological Surgery and Neurology in the Medical School were awarded to Dr. Lewis P. Rowland, Associate Attending Neurologist, and Dr. (Ph.D.) Harry Grundfest, Professor of Neurology, at a tea on June 23 at Neurological Institute.

The awards of \$500 each, presented by Mrs. Moses, went to Dr. Rowland in the clinical field for his study on the enzymatic defects inherent in McArdle's Disease (a muscular affliction), and to Dr. Grundfest for basic neurological research on "Impulse-conduction Properties in Cells."

The first awards in 1964 went to Dr. David Cowen and Dr. Dominick P. Purpura.

Dr. Rowland, a member of the staff since 1953, received the M.D. from Yale in 1948 and came to Neuro in 1950 as assistant resident in neurology. He became assistant neurologist in 1952, then went to the National Institutes of Neurological Diseases and Blindness as a clinical associate in 1954. He returned to the Medical Center in 1957.

### ENDOWED CHAIR AND LAB

Dr. Grundfest has been at the College of Physicians and Surgeons since 1945. He received the A.B., M.A. and Ph.D. (1930) from Columbia University.

In 1963 Mrs. Moses created the endowed Chair in the Department of Neurology, known as the Henry L. and Lucy G. Moses Professorship. It honors her late husband, a New York lawyer, banker and philanthropist, whose interest in the advancement of medicine spanned more than half a century. Dr. H. Houston Merritt is the incumbent of the Chair.

Before his death in 1961, Mr. Moses endowed one of the laboratories in the William Black Medical Research Building.

## DANE "BRAIN DRAIN" BENEFITS BABIES' LAB



AN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TEAM

Dr. Knud Engel (Denmark), Hedy Tomazak (Canada via Latvia), Judy Kudlak (Canada), Jeannie Tutanjian (N. J., U.S.A.), and Agnete Thompson (Denmark).

Babies Hospital is on the receiving end of part of a "brain drain" from Denmark, according to Dr. Robert W. Winters, attending pediatrician and professor of pediatrics.

With the advent of still another Danish physician, the recently modernized acid base laboratory on the second floor of Babies Hospital is like a bit of Scandinavia.

Dr. Ole Siggaard-Andersen has recently arrived to join the staff as director of clinical chemistry at Babies Hospital and assistant professor of pediatrics.

He and Dr. Knud Engel, research associate in pediatrics, who came here eight months ago as the technical director

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# Master of the "Gentle Way"

## Pete O'Sullivan Entitled to Wear Judo's Coveted Black Belt

Good natured Irishman Pete O'Sullivan knows a couple that would really break you up. Not jokes. Judo tosses.

Admitting supervisor in Vanderbilt Clinic and a Presbyterian Hospital employee since 1957, Pete is entitled to wear the coveted black belt for proficiency in judo.

His interest in the popular and slightly awesome physical science began a number of years ago while he was in the Army, assigned to duty in Japan, the nation where judo originated.

Pete, 33, was born and brought up in Dublin, Ireland, where he was educated at Belvedere College, a Jesuit school. A year after he came to the United States, he was drafted into the U. S. Army. That was early in 1952.

Following basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. and advanced schooling at the Military Police School at Fort Gordon, Ga., he went to Korea as a stockade guard, keeping an eye on North Korean prisoners of war.

In conjunction with these potentially dangerous duties, Pete was sent by the Army

to learn unarmed defense at the famous Kodokan in Tokyo, the school run by Jigoro Kano, now deceased, the Father of Judo. He and a number of other GI's became so interested that they enrolled in the Kodokan and continued their judo education in their spare time.

"Judo," explained Pete, "means 'the gentle way.' It is a science which enables a person to equalize and overcome superior strength through a knowledge and use of body mechanics and acquired skills."

"Jigoro Kano, the Father of Judo, used this example to explain the possibilities of the science: 'A storm buffeted an oak and a cherry tree. The oak remained rigid against the wind and cracked; the cherry tree bent with the storm and was undamaged.'

### LEVERAGE & BODY MECHANICS

"Translated into more positive terms . . ." Pete continued, "say that a person has 10 units of strength to your 7; if you resist his strength with yours, you will be overcome. However, if he pushes you with 3 units of strength and, instead of resisting him, you take advantage of his push through leverage and body mechanics, you can add his 3 units of expended strength to your own 7; then the situation will be reversed: you'll be working with 10 units of strength (your own 7 plus 3 of his) to his 7 (his



PETE O'SULLIVAN

"Technique, not brute strength"

original 10 minus 3 expended) and you will overcome."

### FIRST LESSON: RELAX!

Pete said the first lessons taught to judo students at the Kodokan (or any other judo school) consist of learning how to fall properly. ("You must relax, lock chin against chest to prevent head from whipping backward, learn to distribute impact of fall over as much of body as possible.") At the Kodokan, Pete and the other judo students also had to practice Zen, acquiring the ability to relax completely to avoid injury, the power to concentrate all of one's speed, ability and strength for one deft move.

Back in the United States after being discharged, Pete continued his interest in judo. He has been an instructor at various schools in Westchester County, and continues his own studies.

### A NUMBER OF DEGREES

In 1957, he earned the right to wear the black belt, symbol of an advanced judo expert.

He explained that there are a number of degrees in judo, based upon a person's knowledge and proficiency of techniques. The lowest degree is the beginner's white belt. Then, as a person improves his skills, he may wear, in order, a belt of yellow, orange, green, brown and, finally, a belt of black. In order to change belts and move up the scale of degrees, a person must

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### BUT NOT THIS SUMMER!

"Water has sunk more grievances than wine

And will continue to. Turn the water on;

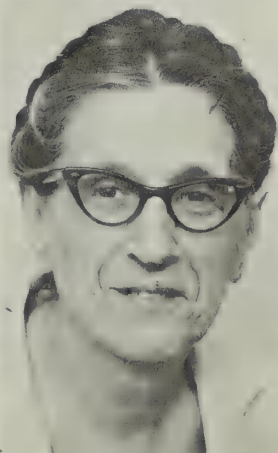
Stick your hand in the stream; water will run

And kiss it like a dog, or it will shake

It like a friend . . ."

## Isabelle Woodward Retires

Mrs. Isabelle Woodard, retiring after seven years in Sterile Supply, plans to rest a while, take a trip to Detroit, then seek part time employment in the Washington Heights area. Born in Marseilles, France, she came to the United States in 1919. She trained as a nurse in France and was an office nurse for a number of years before her marriage in 1928. A widow since 1956, her hobbies are sewing and crocheting. The items she makes she gives to friends.





## Dr. E. H. Wood Returns to Direct Neuroradiology

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during which time he was Instructor in Radiology at P&S. He served with the Army from 1942-46 as Chief of Radiology in General and Evacuation Hospitals, rising to the rank of Major.

In 1946 he returned here as Assistant Professor and Attending Radiologist, becoming an Associate Professor in 1951.

During 1962-63 he was appointed Special Fellow by the National Institutes of Neurological Diseases and Blindness

(NIH), assigned to St. George's Hospital Medical School, London, England for research in radiology.

Dr. Wood is Consultant, U.S. Public Health Service, member of the Neurological and Science Research Training Committee, NINDB, and Civilian Consultant in Radiology, U.S. Army.

His memberships in professional organizations include the Association of University Radiologists, (president

1959-60), American Board of Radiology (vice president 1960-62), Charter Member of the American Society of Neuroradiology (and president-elect,) former AMA Representative on the American Board of Radiology (1957-63) and vice-chairman of the Residency Review Committee for Radiology.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Radiology and member of the American Neurological Association, Harvey Cushing Society and Neurosurgical Society of America.

Dr. and Mrs. Wood (nee Ratcliffe) have three children. They reside in Ridgewood, New Jersey.



Dr. President

Dr. Daniel C. Baker, Jr., Director of the Service of Otolaryngology, has been elected to a one year term as President of the American Broncho-Esophagological Association. He was designated June 22 during the annual convention of the American Medical Association.

Recently he was elected secretary of the Section of Otolaryngology of the New York Academy of Medicine.

An earlier, more local honor was afforded Dr. Baker on May 6 when members of the Medical Center's 25 Year Club selected him as their president for 1965-66.

## Dr. J. C. Moore Is New Chief Of Obs-Gyn

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professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the School of Medicine at the University of California since 1963.

A graduate of the Medical School of the University at San Francisco in 1942, he served his internship and residency at the University Hospital there. After a short stay as instructor and then assistant professor at the University of Iowa, he returned to his home state and served on the academic staff of the School of Medicine, UCLA, since 1953.

President of the Society for Gynecologic Investigation, a member of the chorionepithelioma review committee of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a member of the Committee on Fellowship of the American Gynecological Society, Dr. Moore also holds membership in the American Federation for Clinical Research, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Surgeons and both the Los Angeles and the Pacific Coast Obstetrical and Gynecological Societies.

### SERVED IN WW II

Dr. Moore served with the Army Medical Corps during the war with the rank of Major.

Dr. and Mrs. Moore, the former Mary Louise Laffer, have two sons, Terence, 16 and Bruce, 14, and two daughters, Barbara, 18 and Martha, 9.

## In Memoriam

### DR. FREDERICK MacCURDY

It has been learned that Dr. Frederick MacCurdy, former superintendent of Vanderbilt Clinic, died May 31 at his home in Corpus Christi, Tex. He was 77.

A 1912 graduate of Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, he served overseas in World War I, rising to the rank of Colonel. He remained in Europe to help set up public health programs in Poland, Montenegro and Albania.

On Dec. 13, 1922, he became head of the Out-patient Department of Presbyterian Hospital. He was on the administrative board which planned the Medical Center and when it was completed in 1928, he became director of Vanderbilt Clinic.

He resigned in 1943 to accept Gov. Thomas Dewey's appointment as New York State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene.

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## Hypnosis via TV Possible

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of the convention, Drs. Herbert Spiegel and James H. Ryan told of two experiments conducted here at the Psychiatric Institute in which hypnotizable subjects were induced into trance states via remote TV signals.

Both have appointments at the Presbyterian Hospital and the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Spiegel is assistant attending psychiatrist and assistant clinical professor of psychiatry; Dr. Ryan is assistant attending psychiatrist, Vanderbilt Clinic, and instructor in psychiatry.

The first subject presented by the psychiatrist, a 20-year-old girl, had been hypnotized by Dr. Spiegel several times previously. For the experiment she was seated before a TV receiver. Dr. Spiegel was seated four floors below, before a closed-circuit TV camera.

### ONE . . . TWO . . . THREE . . . RELAX!

After conversing briefly with the girl via the two-way TV hookup, Dr. Spiegel said: "I'm going to count one, two, three, and your eyes will close and you'll go into a relaxed state."

She immediately went into a trance.

Dr. Spiegel then told her that her left hand and forearm would become numb and paralyzed and would remain in this state even after she emerged from the hypnotic trance.

She shifted from the trance state on signal, but the paralysis and numbness persisted, even when tested. Dr. Spiegel had told her, while she was hypnotized, that her usual sensation and control would not return until he personally touched her elbow.

Her control over the forearm did not return until minutes later, when Dr. Spiegel entered the room and touched her elbow.

Since the girl was a subject known to be susceptible to Dr. Spiegel's hypnotic techniques, the next step was to determine whether a hypnotizable subject not previously known to him could be similarly influenced.

### MALE SUBJECT UNABLE TO UNCLASP HANDS

The subject selected was a 30-year-old male. He was seated before the TV receiver, just as the girl had been. This was the first time Dr. Spiegel and the subject had seen each other. But the results were the same as with the girl. The man promptly went into a trance upon signal from Dr. Spiegel's image on the TV screen.

This subject was told to clasp his hands and that, even after he emerged from the trance, he would be unable to separate them until Dr. Spiegel touched his head. And so it was.

As a result of these and other experiments, Drs. Spiegel and Ryan concluded that hypnosis via TV was not only possible, but might be useful in group therapy, research and education.

They also suggested that some future astronauts might be hypnotized via TV in order to help them cope with the anticipated feelings of isolation, loneliness and possibly fear during prolonged space journeys.

## No Surprise to Johnny

The report by Drs. Spiegel and Ryan concerning the possibility of hypnotic trance induction via television didn't escape the attention of TV comedian Johnny Carson, puckish host of the *Tonight* show.

Quipped Carson: "That doesn't surprise me. I've been putting TV viewers to sleep for years."

### PICS WANTED

If you have a picture taken of yourself while you're on vacation, let all of your Medical Center friends see it in *The Stethoscope*.

The only requirements are that the photographs be of the black and white variety and clear enough to reprint well.

Pictures will be accepted in the Public Interest Office, PH-4-32. They will be returned to you.



TWILIGHT ON THE HUDSON

It is dusk and you are looking through the camera lens at the shimmering Hudson River and New Jersey's famous Palisades, already shrouded in darkness. We cannot identify the person in this picture, taken from the balcony of Bard Hall May 6, during the 25 Year Club banquet. However, we feel the photograph by Werner Wolff is excellent and wish to share it with *Stethoscope* readers.



## Dr. Damrosch

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from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1940. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics and a member of many professional societies.

### VERBAL VIRTUOSO

Recognized for his skilled use of the spoken and printed word, he is on the editorial board of the P&S Quarterly and the Sherman (Conn.) Sentinel, author of several articles for professional journals and a contributor to the text on pediatrics by Drs. Holt and McIntosh and to "The McIntosh Era at Babies Hospital." His remarks at the presentation of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Distinguished Service Medals at the Babies Hospital 75th Anniversary celebration were flashes of wit and wisdom, subsequently published in booklet form by popular request.

### GARDENING FOR RELAXATION

Dr. Damrosch is chairman of the Doctors' Committee for the \$5,000,000 Babies Hospital campaign for the renovation and expansion of that unit.

He and Mrs. Damrosch, the former Eleanor Southern, and three daughters make their home in Sherman. Here he pursues his hobbies, gardening and wood-chopping.

## Leaving Is Hard For Mary Barrett After 28 Years Here

Having served as a nurse at the Medical Center since 1937, Mrs. Mary R. Barrett, head nurse on the second floor of Harkness Pavilion, finds it difficult to leave our patients.

And although she officially retires on August 18, she doesn't plan to discontinue her nursing career here.

### OPEN THAT GOLDEN GATE

"The first thing I intend to do is visit my daughter in San Francisco," said Mrs. Barrett. "Then I hope to do private duty nursing here."

Born in St. John's, Newfoundland, she came to New York to study at St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1923.

She began nursing at the Medical Center in November, 1937. She became a head nurse in 1946 and a member of our 25 Year Club in 1963.

### LEONIE WORKED HERE

Incidentally, the daughter Mrs. Barrett will visit in California, her only child, Leonie, was also a Presbyterian Hospital employee. She worked for eight years as a secretary in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



## Dr. A.P. Fishman Is President Of N.Y. Heart Assn.

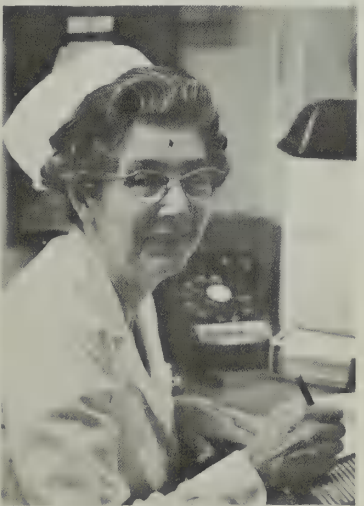
Dr. Alfred P. Fishman, director of the Presbyterian Hospital Cardio-Respiratory Laboratory and associate professor of medicine at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been elected president of the New York Heart Association.

Now on sabbatical leave as a fellow in the Nuffield Institute for Medical Research, Oxford, England, he becomes the 18th president of the association, this year observing its 50th anniversary.

### DR. FRITTS IS ON BOARD

Among the new members of the association's board of directors is Dr. Harry W. Fritts, Jr., assistant physician at Presbyterian and associate professor of medicine at P&S. He recently succeeded Nobel laureate Andre F. Courmand as director of Bellevue's Cardiopulmonary Laboratory.

Dr. Fishman is a member of the Association of American Physicians and of the Royal Society of Medicine (Great Britain). He serves as consultant to the Executive Office of the President of the United States, Office of Science and Technology; is U. S. representative to the British Conference on Emphysema (London), and is Sir Ernest Finch Professor of Medicine, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, England.



Mary R. Barrett

## Regional Chapter, Pediatric Surgeons, Has Accreditation

Formation of The New York Pediatric Surgeons, first regional chapter of the Section on Surgery, American Academy of Pediatrics, has been announced by Dr. Thomas V. Santulli, president of the Executive Board.

Dr. Santulli is director of pediatric surgery at Babies Hospital and associate professor of surgery at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The group was organized in 1960 and was officially accredited as a regional chapter at a recent meeting of the American Academy.

Its purpose is to stimulate and promote research and clinical study among physicians engaged in the practice of pediatric surgery, thus to advance and improve the surgical care and treatment of children and to stimulate further studies and investigations toward the attainment of this goal.

## U. H. F. Elects P. H. Trustee

James W. Foley, assistant treasurer of the Presbyterian Hospital Board of Trustees, has been elected a director of the United Hospital Fund of New York, the nation's oldest federated charity.

Reelected as a vice president of the Fund's board of directors was Mrs. Robert E. Carroll, first vice president of the Women's Auxiliary of New York Orthopaedic Hospital, a unit of the Medical Center.

Mr. Foley, vice-chairman of the Board of Directors of Texaco Inc., has been a P.H. trustee since Oct. 2, 1962.

## Candy Stripes and T. L. C.



Tender Loving Care, the magic extra touch which means so much to hospitalized persons, large and small, is administered to a sick little girl in Babies Hospital by Candy Striper Ellen Jatlow, 17, of the Bronx. Ellen is one of about 150 fine high school and college students who are giving up part or all of their summer vacation to work as Volunteers here at the Medical Center.

## Nosmo King Is No Joke!

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inscription. Although certain few persons tend to ignore them, they are no joke.

Under New York City regulations, a person smoking or carrying a lighted cigarette, cigar or pipe in hospital areas posted with No Smoking signs may be charged by a fire inspector with failure to obey the orders of the Fire Commissioner.

Such an offense is punishable by a maximum fine of \$500 and up to 30 days imprisonment, according to G. R. Masten, assistant vice president.

### INSPECTORS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR VIOLATORS

He cautioned that inspectors from the city fire department are on the lookout for violators in the hospital almost daily. He urged those who smoke to restrict their puffing to areas where it is permitted.

The Fire Commissioner's concern with smoking in hospitals is well founded. Latest statistics indicate that in a recent month 24 fires were reported in New York City hospitals, of which 11 were attributed to careless smoking.

## "Where Life Begins"

Sequences photographed in the Obstetric Clinic on VC-4 were used in an hour-long documentary, "Where Life Begins" on the National Educational Television Station, Channel 13, on July 5.

The scenes taken here illustrated comments by Dr. Anna L. Southam, Associate Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist.

They show patient care application of her research work for the World Population Council. She did clinical research on human reproduction in India last year.



## DANE "BRAIN DRAIN" BENEFITS BABIES' LAB

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of the laboratory, worked with Danish chemist, Dr. Paul Astrup, in the development of the micro-method of blood determinations. This technique has proved to be of enormous value in furthering research and clinical application to patients with acid-base disturbances.

### SPEAK 10 LANGUAGES

The technicians include a Danish girl, Agnete Thompson, also trained by Dr. Astrup; Judy Kudlak, a Canadian, and Jeannie Tutanjian, a New Jerseyite. Supervisor is Mrs. Hedy Tomezak, who came from Latvia by way of Canada. Among them these girls speak 10 foreign languages.

The laboratory where the elaborate instrument necessary for these tests is installed was initiated by Dr. Winters and Dr. William B. Silverman, director of the premature nursery and associate professor of pediatrics, and built into a small space in the premature nursery suite. Financial aid came from the Health Research Council of the City of New York.

### A COMMON INTEREST

These two doctors found a common interest in this type of laboratory because of the need for such tests on the very small infants under Dr. Silverman's care and the broader application in general pediatrics under study by Dr. Winters' group.

Formerly, large amounts of blood were necessary to determine deviations in the normal delicate balance in the blood between acid and base. An upset in this balance occurs in a large number of diseases, both in children and adults.



DR. OLE SIGGAARD-ANDERSEN  
Latest Danish Import

Diarrhea in babies, in earlier years often epidemic, is one example of disorders causing a severe life-threatening acidosis. Others in this category are diabetes and kidney and pulmonary diseases.

It was impossible with older methods to take large amounts of blood frequently, especially from infants and children, and therefore serial testing could not be done.

In the clinical management of patients with these diseases, information obtained from successive determinations is extremely valuable. With the advent of the Astrup micro-method, frequent serial samplings became feasible, especially in infants and children in whom the drawing of the small amount of blood required presents no problem.

The determination of acid-base balance has many applications in research and clinical medicine. In research, for example, the effects of certain diseases can be accurately measured in chemical terms.

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## IOPH Laboratory Named In Honor Of Dr. O. Lowenstein

The pupillography laboratory in the Institute of Ophthalmology has been officially named the Lowenstein Pupillography Laboratory.

The name honors the memory of the lab's former director, Dr. Otto Lowenstein, who died March 25, 1965 at the age of 75.

Dr. Lowenstein is generally credited with the development, almost single-handedly, of pupillography, the recording of eye pupil reflexes to various stimuli. It is used as an indicator of the activity of the autonomic nervous system and to locate lesions within the nervous network of pupillary control.

He left his native Germany in 1933 for Switzerland, then came to the United States in 1939. In 1947 he began his work here at the Institute of Ophthalmology. Although he was officially retired in 1962, he continued his research on the pupil until just before his death.

## Jacoby Neurology Award To Dr. H. Houston Merritt

Dr. H. Houston Merritt, Professor of Neurology, Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Director of Neurology, was presented the George W. Jacoby Award at the 90th Annual Meeting of the American Neurology Association in Atlantic City last month.

The citation reads "in recognition of his notable and distinguished contributions to the field of Neurology. Through skillful clinical investigations he elucidated the importance of the cerebrospinal fluid in neurological diagnosis and clarified the problems of syphilis as it affects the nervous system."

"Through basic and clinical research he evolved methods of pharmacologic screening which contributed significantly to the understanding of convulsive disorders and in the use of drugs in the treatment of epilepsy."

"As exemplary clinician, teacher, lucid writer and outstanding scholar, he has for many years presented Neurology in its best light and he remains an inspirational influence to a host of students and resident physicians."



Dr. H. Houston Merritt

"As administrator and counselor he has strongly influenced the development of the specialty at Harvard and Columbia Universities, in America and the World."

The Jacoby Award was initiated in 1950 and is awarded every three years.

At the same meeting, Dr. Melvin Yahr, Assistant Dean and Attending Neurologist, was reelected secretary-treasurer of the Association. This is his seventh term in this office.

## STETHOSCOPIA

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Kathy Prywanski, technician in Microbiology, has moved to Philadelphia where her husband will do his internship.

Mrs. Jean Carey, office manager at Mary Harkness Unit, has retired.

### ■ HAVE A HAPPY

Mrs. Erica Awer, Blood Bank, is visiting in Europe; Mrs. Helen Gosline, evening nurse at Mary Harkness, vacationed in New Hampshire; In Maintenance and Construction: Mrs. Margaret Reynolds is with her family in Ireland; Georgina Cestero spent July in Spain and Portugal; James Martyn went to Ireland, Ray Roldan to Puerto Rico and Ruper Waltram toured Europe; Mrs. Lucy Thomas in Dr. Wise's office visited friends in Martinique.

### ■ CONGRATS

Patricia Claire Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Peters, was graduated from Skidmore College with many academic honors. Patti has been a volunteer at the Hospital every summer since she was sixteen. Proud father is our Assistant Comptroller.

Juan Valentin is our new supervisor in Inhalation Therapy. Mrs. Ruth K. Shappell Sprinz has a doctor in the family. Her son received the M.D. degree from Cornell University Medical in June.

## In Memoriam

### DR. BRUCE M. HOGG

Dr. Bruce MacL. Hogg, 61, died in Miami, Fla. on June 3. He was Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery at the University of Miami Medical School and Assistant Physician, Jackson Memorial Hospital.

A graduate of P&S, Class of 1933, he did his internship and residency in Surgery at Presbyterian and was Associate Attending Surgeon here until 1952.

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## His Recreation? Teaching an 8th Grade Science Class

One good story deserves another!

When Dr. Robert W. Winters told of his plans to spend part of his summer at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, he explained that this was a continuing study on acid base in sea urchin eggs. Along with this research he'll write a revised section for a Clinical Textbook on Acid Base by Dr. Louis Welt.

This brought the natural follow-up: "What do you do for recreation?"

"I teach an eighth grade

class in science during the school year," was the surprising reply. "This is my most challenging and enjoyable hobby."

Enthusiastically, he explained a project he undertook a few years back at St. Bernard's School for Boys here in Manhattan where his two sons attend. In the classics-oriented curriculum of this English-type school, he introduced a concept of science teaching that allows laboratory experience in human biology to challenge seventh and eighth grade boys.



Dr. Robert Winters

Taking part of the top floor of the school, where formerly the headmaster had his apartment (he obligingly found another), he designed a science laboratory, airy and light, with provisions for growing plants. There 22 boys, 12 and 13 years of age, pursue studies from the cell stage through the complexities of human anatomy and physiology. Interrelating the history of medicine and scientific discovery, genetics, mathematics and engineering principles, along with using the boys' knowledge of Latin and Greek to dis-

sect the medical and scientific nomenclature, the course is designed to stimulate questing young minds.

Dr. Winters says he hopes to further expand this unique set-up by the addition of facilities for a green house and a planetarium. "There's a broad roof outside the lab that would be perfect."

What do the two young Winters think of their father's project?

"They haven't been in the course as yet. I think they're kind of embarrassed that I'm around the school at all."





A CAP TO TOSS IN THE RING

Barry Brass, a bright 14-year-old student from Flushing, Long Island who is interested in politics, wants to study law and hopes to become President, takes a step in the right direction as he receives a diploma for successful completion of his ninth-grade studies. The academic cap would make an interesting hat to throw into the political ring. Presenting the laurels is Lillian Graham, New York City public school teacher assigned to the orthopedic floor of Babies Hospital. Mrs. Graham tutored the boy for over a month while he was hospitalized here for spine surgery.

# Master of the "Gentle Way"

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demonstrate his skills against a person of a higher degree, Pete said.

He added that there are actually two classes of brown belt holders, five of black, all earned in competitive judo.

## DON'T JOSTLE ELVIS

Above these degrees there are a number of others, all honorary and awarded for outstanding contributions to the sport. Very few persons ever receive these, Pete said.

(Among the famous Americans who hold black belts are movie stars Spencer Tracy, Elvis Presley and Jimmy Cagney and television's Nick Adams.)

In addition to instructing now and then in judo schools,

Pete regularly teaches the philosophy and techniques of unarmed defense to members of a reserve MP battalion on Long Island. He is a captain in the unit.

Pete recently shared his knowledge of unarmed defense with a group of hospital security officers, men whose duties make such knowledge useful. The sessions were sponsored by the Security Officers Advisory Committee of the Greater New York Hospital Assn.

"Many persons," said Pete, "believe they can learn judo in a matter of minutes. They feel there is some secret blow or magic trick they can learn quickly, then be judo experts. But of course this isn't so. Acquiring ability in judo, as in any other field, requires a lot of patience and practice,

plus desire and natural ability.

"Other people seem to feel that if they have considerable physical strength, they don't have to concentrate so hard on technique. But this isn't true. Many a small man who has learned proper technique can hit a golf ball or a baseball farther than a bigger man. It's the same in judo. If there is a secret to judo, it may be this: skill, not power; technique, not brute strength."

Pete, a strapping six-footer who has trouble keeping his weight under 200, was asked what happens when a big, strong judo master tackles a smaller, weaker judo expert.

"If both men are of equal knowledge, speed and proficiency," Pete answered, "the big man will usually win."

## DANES

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In clinical medicine, it aids the physician in his diagnosis and immediate treatment of many diseases.

The work being done in this laboratory points up the fact that relationship of research to patient care may often be an immediate one since the results of investigations have direct and important clinical applications.

## CLINICAL INVESTIGATORS

Data assembled in this laboratory is being programmed for the computer by Dr. Ralph B. Dell, visiting fellow in pediatrics. Much of the clinical investigation is being done by Drs. Morris S. Albert and W. Joseph Rahill in Dr. Winters' group and by Dr. John C. Sinclair, working with Dr. Silverman. The work is supported by grants from the U. S. Public Health Service, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NIH) and the Health Research Council of the City of New York. Drs. Winters, Silverman and Siggaard-Andersen are the recipients of Career Scientist Awards by the Council.

## SET UP MICRO-LAB IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA

Recently Drs. Albert and Rahill and Miss Thompson went to the University Hospital in Caracas, Venezuela, under Dr. Winters' aegis, to study severe acidosis in babies with diarrhea and to help set up a micro-lab there. Miss Thompson performed an amazing Danish-Spanish-English translation to accomplish this mission.

## Catherine MacLean Bryers, With Nursing Dept. 31 Years, Resigns to Become Homemaker

Catherine MacLean Bryers, administrative assistant in the Department of Nursing, resigned July 1 after 31 years with the Department.

Known to thousands of our nursing students and alumnae as Miss MacLean, she was married recently to Harold E. Bryers, an electrical engineer with Consolidated Edison.

They are making their home in New Jersey.

Mrs. Bryers came to the office of the School of Nursing on Feb. 19, 1934 as a secretary whose chief duties involved processing student applications for admission.

When the school became a department of Columbia University, she was a full time member of the secretarial staff. In 1951 her title became departmental secretary and in 1962 she was advanced to the status of administrative assistant.

Until 1960 when nursing students began registering with the Registrar of the Faculty of Medicine, Mrs. Bryers acted as registrar for the school. A total of 7,666 students entered our nursing school during her years in office.

She also was responsible for assembling data for the award of scholarships and grants-in-aid, and for keeping the resulting financial accounts.

## A STEADY COURSE ALWAYS

A tribute to Mrs. Bryers was paid by Margaret E. Conrad, a former director of the school of nursing.

"We have had few people in any category," said Miss Conrad, "who have made a greater contribution to the progress of our school than Catherine MacLean Bryers. What if she had been temperamental! But in calm seas or stormy weather, she could always be counted on to steer a steady course."

Mrs. Bryers' friends and associates at the Medical Center

## 7 P. H. Officers Learned Basics of Unarmed Defense

Seven members of the Presbyterian Hospital Protective Department attended the recent sessions in unarmed defense presented by Pete O'Sullivan.

They are Sergeants John Callahan and Gustavo Carrion and Special Officers Henry Alvarez, John Burns, John McKinney, William Nelan and Joseph Santana.

The classes were arranged by James A. Sheridan, supervisor of Presbyterian Hospital's Protective Services, who also is chairman of the Security Officers Advisory Committee, Greater New York Hospital Assn. During the two-day seminar, Mr. Sheridan spoke on "Effective Patrol on Hospital Grounds."



Catherine MacLean Bryers

expressed their wishes for her happiness at a tea in her honor on May 26.

## In Memoriam

### DR. GEORGE H. HYSLOP

Dr. George H. Hyslop, a neuropsychiatrist who retired in 1958 from the staff of Neurological Institute and the faculty of Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, died June 28 in Harkness Pavilion. He was 72.

Dr. Hyslop, son of James Hervey Hyslop, founder of the American Society for Psychic Research, was prominent in medical jurisprudence. As a consultant designated by the U. S. Department of Justice for the New York State Courts, he frequently appeared as an expert witness in civil and criminal cases.

He also served as a consultant to the U. S. Department of Labor. During World War II he was neuro-psychiatrist consultant for nine draft boards in New York City.

His contributions to medical journals were chiefly in the field of organic neurology.

Dr. Hyslop had been affiliated with Neurological Institute since 1922 and with the College of Physicians and Surgeons since 1935, serving as assistant clinical professor of neurology for 22 years before his retirement.

He was a member of the Medical Center's 25 Year Club.

"You never miss the water till the well runs dry."

And the wells and the reservoirs are mighty low. Promptly report all leaking faucets and faulty plumbing fixtures; telephone 2862 (Hospital areas) or 3495 (College areas).



# By the Shore and Across the Sea, Children Think of, And Small, Busy Hands Work for The Babies Hospital

Three contributions, best described as "gifts from the heart," have been made recently to the Babies Hospital \$5,000,000 Campaign by former patients.

The gifts, moving and deeply gratifying to the staff and personnel of the hospital, are from children who, of their own volition, wanted to do something for the institution to indicate their appreciation for care they received during their time of sickness.

Totalling \$195.81, the three contributions came in from Bayonne and Sea Girt in New Jersey and from Chinandega in Nicaragua, all from former

patients of Dr. Arnold P. Gold, Assistant Attending Neurologist.

The money will go toward the expansion and modernization of Babies Hospital. (Recent contributions have raised the amount already achieved in the campaign to just over the \$2,000,000 mark.)

From Bayonne, N. J. came a check for \$88.31, proceeds from a carnival held July 10 at the home of former Babies patient Denise McDevitt, 7.

A cute little strawberry blonde with a thousand freckles, Denise sold the idea of a carnival "to help Babies Hospital" to her twin, Diane, and

to a number of playmates.

For a week they advertised the great event with huge homemade posters and then, on the magic day, sold hot-dogs and soda, old jewelry and knickknacks (donated by neighbors), and ran a bowling game and a drop the clothespin in the bottle game. Winners received coupons redeemable for toys and books (also donated by neighbors).

## THRILLED BY NOTE

Denise and Diane were reportedly "thrilled" to receive the following note from Dr. Douglas S. Damrosch, chairman of the Doctors' Commit-

tee in the Babies Hospital Campaign:

"All of us here at Babies Hospital are greatly pleased at this demonstration of your friendship. We know how hard you worked to raise this generous sum and it is therefore doubly appreciated.

"You may be very sure that your gift will be put to good use in our plans to make Babies Hospital an even better place in which to get well when you are sick."

From Sea Girt on the Jersey Shore came a check for \$7.50. Said a pretty little 10-year-old named Carol Lewis to her mother as she prepared to

mail the money: "Now they can get started with the new building at Babies Hospital."

Carol, with a friend, conducted a Mother's Day Sale, selling gifts for neighborhood children to give their mothers. They also sold lemonade and white cupcakes with chocolate icing.

Carol mixed the cupcake batter herself and cleaned up the bowls and baking pans afterward. "The idea of the sale was all Carol's" said her mother. "Babies Hospital is one of her major thoughts and she wanted to do something to show everybody at the hospital just how she feels."

Seven-year-old Juan Porras Diaz, son of a Nicaraguan doctor, expressed his feelings toward Babies Hospital in this note which accompanied a check for \$100:

## "I LOVE EVERYBODY"

"Dear Friends: I'd like to have a lot of money to send you; unfortunately, I only can give a little. Be sure, I'll send more any time I get more.

"I'm grateful and I love everybody at Babies Hospital because they have been sweet and kind to me when I was very sick there."

## "Water, water, everywhere, Nor any drop to drink."

The lament of Coleridge's pathetic *Ancient Mariner* could become Greater New York's theme song. Or swan song. Don't waste water, neither on the job nor at home.

## Hartford Foundation Renews Grant for Hepatitis Research

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Service at the Hospital and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The grant will support professional and technical personnel, special equipment, laboratory and other research expenses.

Dr. Bradley said that hepatitis, a viral disease of the liver that is sometimes fatal, is occurring throughout the world with increasing frequency and is generally recognized as a serious health problem in this country.



DR. STANLEY E. BRADLEY  
Directs Hepatitis Research Here

## EPIDEMICS CONTINUE

"Even in areas where modern public health measures and adequate sanitation prevent epidemic spread through water supplies, epidemics continue to occur as a result of stream and harbor pollution of shellfish beds," Dr. Bradley added.

The U. S. Public Health Service, which initiated more accurate reporting of hepatitis cases in 1952, the beginning of a two-year epidemic wave, states that the worst recorded epidemic occurred during the years 1960-62, with a peak being achieved during the winter of 1960-61.

## 72,651 CASES IN '61

In 1961, 72,651 cases of viral hepatitis were reported to the USPHS, including 1,527 cases in New York City. Last year there were slightly more than 38,000 cases reported, the smallest number since 1960.

Dr. Bradley pointed out that the hepatitis research project being supported by the Hartford Foundation has under study a number of questions raised by this disease. These

include the course and character of the infectious process, the problem of infectious spread and the relationship between the disease and the development of changes in liver function.

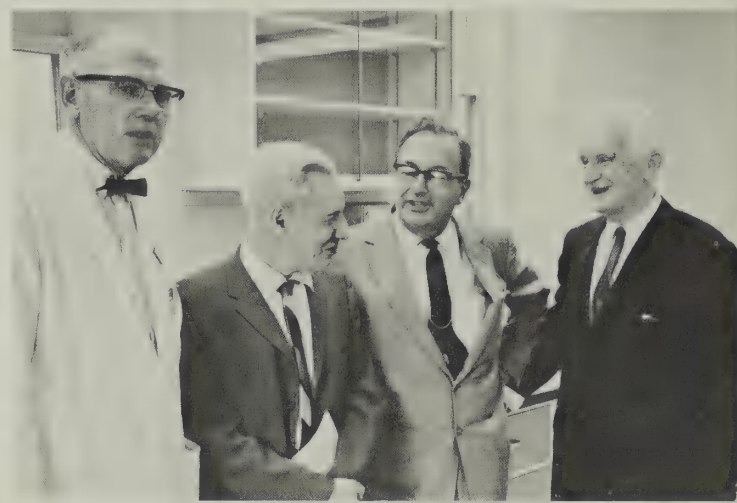
## EXPRESSES GRATITUDE

In expressing the gratitude of the Hospital and its Board of Trustees, Mr. Long cited the generosity of the Hartford Foundation in the interest of public health. The present grant raises the total in grants awarded to Presbyterian Hospital by the Foundation to \$5,971,362.

## From The Mailbag

This is a wonderful hospital. I'm especially impressed with the class of personnel. I like their attitude and appearance and devotion to their work.

The Trustees and management and doctors ought to be truly proud of this magnificent institution . . . from a former patient in Harkness Pavilion.



## HONOR DR. DISCHE AT CORNEAL CENTER CEREMONY

A gala group at the tea on June 23 marking the opening of the Corneal Center at the Institute of Ophthalmology includes, from left, Dr. Arthur G. DeVoe, Dr. Zacharias Dische, Dr. David Cogar, Professor of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School, and Dr. Ludwig von Sallmann of the Eye Department at the National Institutes of Health. The Center was established in 1964 by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, to conduct research on the cornea. Dr. Dische was honored at this tea for his outstanding contributions to ophthalmology.

## Bernard Baruch, It Is Said, Studied Medicine at P&S... For 2 Days Only

The Medical Center has lost a friend and benefactor in the death of Bernard M. Baruch, who died on June 20 at the age of 94.

Philanthropist, adviser to Presidents and friend of the disabled of the world, Mr. Baruch came by his interest in physical medicine by inheritance and exposure.

His father, Dr. Simon Baruch, a pioneer in this field, was Professor of Hydrotherapy at Columbia in the early part of this century. His brother, Dr. Herman Baruch, was long active in the rehabilitation of polio victims and did much research on the polio virus.

In his youth, it is told, Mr. Baruch had a two-day stay as a student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, after which he turned his talents toward the business

world, with great financial success.

Never forsaking his concern with physical fitness, he was greatly disturbed during World War II by the number of young men with physical defects rejected for military service. Many of them could be aided by rehabilitation services, he was informed, and after the war he played a key role in the reorganization of

the Veterans Administration medical services toward this end.

In 1944 Mr. Baruch created the Simon Baruch Committee on Physical Medicine in honor of his father. This committee made grants totaling \$1.25 million.

In 1945 the Medical Center was the recipient of a major part of this gift for the promotion of clinical work and research in Physical Medicine. In 1960, the Simon Baruch Professorship in the College of Physicians and Surgeons was established. Dr. Robert C. Darling is the incumbent.

On the occasion of his 93rd birthday last year, young physical therapy patients in Vanderbilt Clinic designed a card which they sent to Mr. Baruch in appreciation of his support of the physical therapy program here.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** According to newspaper reports, Mr. Baruch's will named the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the College of Physicians and Surgeons as a residual legatee to receive one-sixth of the estate remaining after other bequests are paid. The size of the estate will not be known until the settlement is completed, probably in a year.





# The Stethoscope

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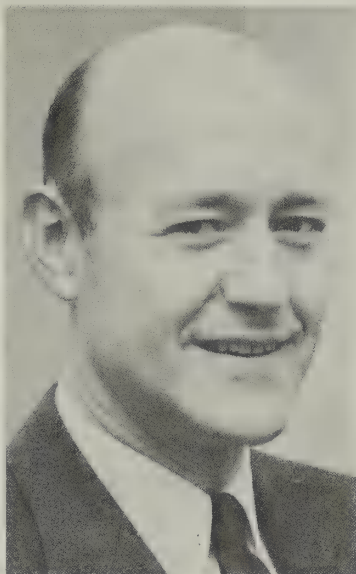
## A POSSIBLE BOON TO MEN PAST 50

### Hartford Foundation Grants \$421,046 For Study of Prostate Enlargement

Research aimed at prevention and control of prostatic enlargement, a glandular abnormality which threatens all men over age 50, will be launched soon at The Presbyterian Hospital.

Included in the project will be investigation of a new method for treating malignant and benign growths of the prostate gland by freezing them with liquid nitrogen. (Frozen until it becomes a solid ball of ice, the prostatic growth, as it warms up again, melts and disintegrates.)

Other studies will be carried on at the basic cellular level, searching for possible ways to prevent abnormal cell growth and the survival of cancer cells in the human prostate.



DR. JOHN K. LATTIMER  
Chief Investigator in Study

The research project will be carried on under a grant of \$421,046 from The John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc. Designated for a three year period beginning September 1, the grant was announced by Ralph W. Burger, President of the Foundation, and Augustus C. Long, President of the Hospital.

In expressing the gratitude of the Hospital and its Board of Trustees, Mr. Long cited the generosity of the Hartford Foundation in the interest of public health. Including this grant, the Foundation has awarded the Hospital grants totaling \$6,392,408.

Malignant and benign growths of the prostate gland frequently occur in men dur-

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### Harold Liscombe, Head Housekeeper, Will Live in Mass.

Friends of Harold Liscombe gathered at a farewell tea on August 31 to mark his retirement and to extend their good wishes on the beginning of a new phase for him.

He and Mrs. Liscombe are moving to Billerica, Mass. a small town outside of Lowell, where they have renovated a cottage during vacation times for the past few years, making it ready for year-round living.

Mr. Liscombe came here in February, 1939, as head of the orderly department. Two years later he was made assistant night superintendent at Presbyterian, and then superintendent. In 1950 he took over as head of Housekeeping.

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### "Little Miss Young" Retires - to A New Responsibility Here

"Little Miss Young," the nurse, has accepted a new position.

But after a Presbyterian Hospital career spanning 38 years (40, counting her years as a nursing student), Miss Phyllis Young isn't leaving the Medical Center.

She has resigned as assistant director of nursing, in charge of the Nurses Registry, to become secretary of the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Assn.

In more concrete terms, this means she has left an office on the street floor of Harkness Pavilion and walked across Fort Washington Avenue to a new office on the second floor of Maxwell Hall.

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### Hope New Surgical Technique May Give Permanent Relief to Hydrocephalic Tots

Permanent relief for youngsters with excessive fluid on the brain may be achieved through a new surgical technique — and a six-inch coil of tubing.

This is the hope of a team of neurological and cardiac surgeons who late in August operated at Neurological Institute on two babies suffering from hydrocephalus, an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid within the cavities of the brain called the ventricles.

Following surgery, both little patients were reported to be doing very well. They were home from the hospital within a week.

The problem the combined team of surgeons was trying to solve is an old and well

recognized one. In order to spare hydrocephalic children from probable brain damage and possible death, the excess fluid must be drained from

their brains.

Usually this is done by neurosurgeons only, who implant a length of thin tubing (plastic or siliconized rubber) into the patient's brain cavities, run it along the back of

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### New Black Research Building Welcomes Its First Occupants

The first occupants of the William Black Medical Research Building moved in last week.

The Medical Center Bookstore, formerly on the second floor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, occupied its attractive new set-up on the first floor of the new building on August 30 and opened for business on September 7.

The bright, wood-paneled suite, with ample space for browsing in the stacks, offers

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### Presbyterian Gives \$11,600 To Greater N.Y. Fund Campaign

The staff and personnel of Presbyterian Hospital contributed \$11,599.76 to the 1965 Greater New York Fund Campaign.

Dr. C. R. Wise, campaign chairman for the hospital, said the average gift per donor rose to a new high of \$4.16. A total of 2,788 employee gifts were received.

During the past several years, Presbyterian has been the consistent leader in total giving and per capita giving among all hospitals participating in the campaign.

Contributions to the Greater New York Fund help sustain 425 essential hospital, health and welfare agencies.



Combined surgical team here uses new technique that hopefully will bring permanent relief from excess fluid accumulation in hydrocephalic children.



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## STETHOSCOPIA

### ■ HAPPILY EVER AFTER

*Sheila Kilcullen, R.N.*, head nurse on 15 W, will be wed to Lt. D. B. Branch, Jr. USN on September 11 in Leonia, N. J. The couple will live in Quincy, Mass., where the groom is stationed with the Nuclear Submarine Service.

*Dianne Tassano, R.N.* on the Babies Hospital staff, married Robert Silich, a third year medical student at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital.

*Marian Boll, R.N.* married Mr. Carl Metzler, who is employed in the Finance Department of New York University; *Dawn Lenahan, R.N.* in Babies was married to Mr. Les Bishop, formerly in the Accounting Office at PH.

*Nancy Joanne Hamelink, R.N.* in Presbyterian married Pastor Brooke Walker of St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Dianne Brittain, R.N.* was married to former surgical intern, *Dr. Isaac Goodrich*, recently in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel; another wedding in the Chapel was that of *Joan Marguerite Le Cun, R.N.* and Mr. William Wolfe.

Earlier in the summer *Laird A. Beardmore* of Vanderbilt Clinic, became the bride of *Henry Fieger*, fourth year medical student; *Dr. Michael L. Gelfand*, surgical intern, married Miss Diana Lee Randolph of Albany, N. Y.

*Dr. Elizabeth M. McSherry*, former resident in Babies Hospital, was married to Dr. Ralph C. Morris, Jr. of Falmouth, Mass. Dr. McSherry is the subject of a feature article in the September Good Housekeeping entitled Elizabeth McSherry, M.D.

### ■ THEY'LL WED

*Mary Varis*, secretary to G. R. Masten, is engaged to Mr. Christopher Trilivas; *Adam Norman Bender* and *Estelle Darlene Pisetsky*, both second year students at P&S, plan to marry in December; *Constance M. Cuttita*, daughter of *Dr. Joseph A. Cuttita*, professor of dentistry at Columbia, and Mrs. Cuttita, is engaged to Mr. Merwyn A. Carroll of New Paltz, N. Y.; *Lois Paula Slawitsky*, nursing student, plans to wed Marvin Stuart Plansky in November.

### ■ NEW ARRIVALS

*Alfred Haase*, Maintenance & Construction, and Mrs. Haase, welcomed their fourth child, Craig Mitchell; a second son Daniel, was born to *John Ansbro* and Mrs. Ansbro.

### ■ WELCOME

Public Interest welcomes its new Director, *Jerry Klein*, formerly with the Public Relations Department of Pfizer.

*Mrs. Sharon Shean, R.N.* is new in the Blood Bank; so is *Margaret Curtin*, Nurses' Aide and *Mrs. Rita Smith*, Donor Receptionist.

### ■ NOTES OF INTEREST

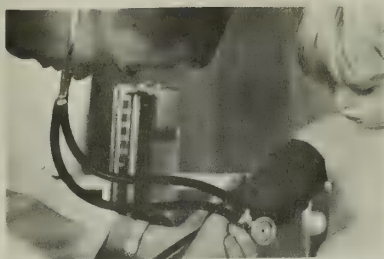
What do you suppose they found in the air-conditioner in the Intensive Care Unit at Babies Hospital when they removed it for cleaning? A pigeon's nest, complete with eggs!

Denis Donovan, son of *Mrs. Margaret Donovan*, in charge of the P.H. Alumnae Shop, was a delegate from East Bergen to Boys State convention on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University.

### ■ THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME

*Joe McGovern*, Maintenance & Construction, vacationed with his family in Ireland and England; *Dr. John G. Gorman*, Director of the Blood Bank, spent some time in Martha's Vineyard as did *Mrs. Ruth Bogan*, Blood Bank Supervisor; *Mrs. Marguerite Stein*, Director of Volunteers spent her vacation at her summer home in East Hampton, L. I.; *Mrs. Anne Lubrecht*, Tour Hostess, will vacation in Europe; *Nancy Treacy*, Blood Bank, visited family and friends in England and Ireland.

At the Mary Harkness Unit, *Mrs. Anne Fado* visited a dude ranch in upper New York; *Mrs. Anne Barrett* went Scuba diving off the Florida Keys; *Gladys Barrett*, Unit Manager, had as her guest at her summer home in Nova Scotia Miss Olga



## DOINGS OF DOCTORS



**DR. HERMAN E. HILLEBOE**, DeLamar Professor of Public Health Practice, has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Fairleigh Dickinson University for his "achievements in many fields of public health."

**DR. THOMAS W. PATRICK, JR.**, assistant pediatrician, Vanderbilt Clinic, was honored recently at the commencement exercises of the Benjamin Franklin High School. He received the school's Franklin Medal For Outstanding Service in Human Relations. This prize is given annually by the graduating class to one who contributed most to youth. Dr. Patrick is also a columnist for the Amsterdam News.



Dr. Darling

**DR. ROBERT C. DARLING**, Director of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, has been elected vice-president of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the 27th Annual Assembly of the Academy in Philadelphia recently.

**DR. HAROLD W. BROWN**, professor of Parasitology, recently participated in the course in Tropical Medicine given for Peace Corps doctors in Atlanta, Ga. Of the 52 doctors there, four are from P&S and two who interned at Presbyterian. These are **DRS. HARRIS A. BERMAN** (New Delhi, India), **EUGENE S. MAYER** (Ankara, Turkey), **JOSEPH G. MCCARTHY** (Tunis, Tunisia), and **CEDRIC W. PORTER, JR.** (Manila, Philippines).

**LEO SROLE, PH.D.** has been appointed professor of Psychiatry in the Social Sciences in the Department of Psychiatry as of September 1.

**DR. GEORGE M. HOWARD**, assistant ophthalmologist, presented a paper with **DR. ROBERT M. ELLSWORTH**, assistant ophthalmologist, at a recent meeting of the Section on Ophthalmology in New York City. He will present a paper on "Spread of Retinoblastoma following Treatment by Light Coagulation" at the November 16 meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology in Chicago.

Members of the Departments of Neurology and Neurological Surgery attended the 8th International Congress of Neurology in Vienna, September 5-10. They included: **Drs. H. Houston Merritt**, Director of Neurology Service;

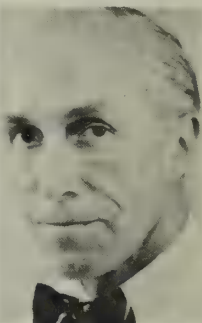
**RALPH RICHTER**, assistant neurologist; **RAUL PIETRI**, assistant attending neurologist; **NIELS LOW**, associate attending neurologist; **TAMAS L. FRIGYESI**, assistant in Neurosurgery; **DOMINICK PURPURA**, associate professor of Neurosurgery; **MELVIN D. YAHR**, attending neurologist; **ROGER DUVOISIN**, assistant attending neurologist, and **LEON PROCKOP**, resident. **DR. PURPURA** had a paper presented at the International Physiology Congress, taking place in Tokyo Sept. 1-10. It was entitled "Synaptic events in reticular activation of specific and nonspecific thalamic neurons." He taught a course in EEG at the International Federation of Societies For Electroencephalography and Clinical Neurophysiology at Salzburg, Austria, last week.

At the 8th International Anatomy Congress in Wiesbaden, W. Germany, recently **DRS. FRIGYESI, PURPURA, MALCOLM CARPENTER**, assistant attending neurologist, **RICHARD BUNGE**, assistant professor of Anatomy, **GEORGE PAPPAS**, associate professor of Anatomy, and **NORMAN STROMINGER**, fellow in the department of Anatomy, presented papers.

**DR. ABNER WOLF** and **DR. DAVID COWEN**, professors of Neurology, presented a paper on "Infections of the N.S. in the Perinatal Period" at the 5th International Congress of Neuropathology in Zurich, Switzerland recently. Dr. Wolf was chairman of the section on Iatrogenic Lesions of the Nervous System.

At the same meeting a paper on "Pathology of Paralysis Agitans" was given by **DR. MELVIN D. YAHR**, attending neurologist, with **DR. ROGER DUVOISIN**, assistant attending neurologist. **DR. LEON ROIZIN**, associate professor of Pathology, presented a paper on Effects of Neuropsychotropic Agents upon the Central Nervous System.

**DR. JAMES CORRELL**, attending neurological surgeon, with **DRS. NEILS LOW** and **JAMES HAMMILL**, associate attending neurologists, presented a paper at the 3rd International Congress of Neurological Surgery held last month in Copenhagen. Also attending this meeting were **DRS. J. LAWRENCE POOL**, director of Neurological Surgery, **BENNETT M. STEIN**, assistant neurological surgeon, and **PETER CARMEL**, assistant resident in Neurological Surgery.



Dr. Pool

*Jackson of Hollywood, Calif.* formerly a medical secretary at PH; another visitor to MH was *Mrs. Jane Wilson Fairwell* of Oakland, Calif. former head nurse on 10PH.

### ■ NURSING PROMOTIONS

Promoted to Head Nurse in the Presbyterian Operating Rooms are: *Elizabeth Austin*, *Constance Crowell*, *Elizabeth McQuigan*, *Mimi Puck*, *Lorraine Rizzo*, *Jane Romsing*, *Irene Russo*, *Nesta Valance*, *Cathleen Mulroney* and *Aileen Sherry*. To floors in Presbyterian, *Mary McCarron* and *Pamela Culbert*; to Sloane, *Catherine Dunphy*, *Muriel Hill*, *Arlene Myers* and *Kathleen O'Connell*; to Vanderbilt Clinic, *Catherine Heckler*; to Neuro Operating Rooms, *Margaret Oliveira*; to Babies Hospital, *Doris Shoer*, *Matilda Zanichkowsky*, *Karmen Kapphan*, *Sally Prugh*; to Harkness Pavilion, *Barbara Fee*; to Medical-Surgical, *Joan Chamberlain*, *Janet Erickson*, *Marilyn Fleming* and *Jean Pieri*; to Senior Supervisor Nurses' Registry, *Margorie Purinton*; to Night Supervisor, Babies Hospital, *Mary Ellen Walsh* and to Night Supervisor, Harkness, *Kathleen Geraghty*.

### Delafield Lectures Resume Sept. 25

The Saturday Scientific Lecture Series will resume at Francis Delafield Hospital at 10 a.m. on September 25.

Lecturer will be **Dr. Alexander G. Bearn** of the Rockefeller Institute. His topic is "Genetic and Biochemical Studies on the Inherited Serum Group-Specific Protein."

The program is supported by the American Cancer Society, New York City Division. All lectures take place in the auditorium of Delafield, 99 Fort Washington Ave.



## Who Wants to Tangle With Mad Dogs?

The Mad Dogs, top dogs in the Medical Center Bowling League during 1964-65, are growling their defiance at the rest of the pack again as the league begins its new season at 6:30 p.m., Friday (Sept. 10) at Stadium Lanes, Bronx.

Medical Center personnel interested in joining one of the league's anticipated 18 four-member teams should contact either Dave MacDonnell or Richard Salvatore. The season runs through May 6, 1966.

Members of last year's championship team, the Mad Dogs, are Jim Parry, Tony Grant, Mike Robl and Eileen Clayton.

### THESE WERE THE STARS

Outstanding individual performances were turned in by the following:

High average: Richard Salvatore, 188; Jim Parry, 174; Luis Villegas, 172; Anita MacDonnell, 151, and Sharon Norris, 138.

High series: R. Salvatore, 677; J. Parry, 621; A. MacDonnell, 553 and Ann McElroy, 518.

High single game: R. Salvatore, 266; A. McElroy, 211; A. MacDonnell, 206, and Ann Solga, 202.

Trophies for most improved bowlers went to Jim Parry and his sister, Grace. Jim's 174 average was 26 points better than his previous year's average; Grace raised her average 24 points to 129.

Jim Parry picked up another trophy when he was selected as male bowler of the year. Ann Solga was named top woman bowler of the year.

## Medallion Award & LBJ Bar-B-Q For Dr. Merriam's Boy, George

Happy memories of a gala affair at the White House linger with Dr. and Mrs. George Merriam, Jr., and their 17 year old son, George, 3rd.

On June 8 they attended a reception given by President Johnson to honor 121 Presidential Scholars for scholastic achievements during their high school careers. George was one of these. He received the bronze medallion award in recognition of his outstanding record while a student at Englewood (N. J.) School for Boys.

### ONLY THE BEST

The Presidential Scholarships, established last year by President Johnson to honor young students, are awarded two to each state and 15 at large throughout the United States, plus 6 to American students studying overseas.



HE'S FALLING FOR HER!

Dorothy Daniel, 138 pounds, demonstrates her ability to handle men by deftly tossing a 220-pounder onto the mat.

A 22-year-old technician at Babies Hospital, she's one of few women in America entitled to wear Judo's black belt.

### *They Shouldn't Have Picked on Our Dorothy*

## Teen Toughs Taunted The Wrong Gal!

Riding home one night on the Third Avenue El, slim, attractive Dorothy Daniel, electrocardiograph technician in Babies Hospital, was being heckled and harassed by four teenage boys.

It was about 11 o'clock and no one else was in that particular car of the train.

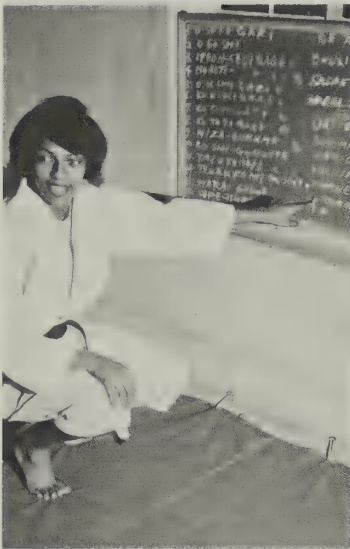
For 20 minutes the young toughs kept Dorothy surrounded, heaping verbal abuse on her. Then one of the boys got tired of merely tossing insults.

Approaching Dorothy he drew a book of matches from his pocket. "I wonder if she'll burn," he said, striking a match close to her face.

That was a very bad mistake.

Within seconds, the match-wielder and a companion were on the floor. The other two boys backed off, fear and surprise registering in their eyes.

The teenagers had picked on the wrong girl. Dorothy Daniel is a judo expert, one of the few members of the "weaker sex" entitled to wear the black belt of a champion.



SENSI MEANS INSTRUCTOR

Dorothy occasionally teaches beginning students various Japanese terms used in Judo. She has the title of sensi, or instructor.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The last issue of Stethoscope featured an article on black belt judo expert Pete O'Sullivan, admitting supervisor in Vanderbilt Clinic. It was quickly brought to our attention by Annette Levine, secretary to Dr. Sidney Blumenthal, that skill in the rugged sport of judo isn't limited to men, as this story points out.

### CREATED IN 1962

Miss Oring said that all full-time personnel who have been employed at the Hospital for at least six months are eligible to apply for Weinberg aid, provided they intend to pursue job-related studies at a school of recognized standing.

The Weinberg Plan, in existence since Spring of 1962, reimburses up to half the tuition fee for one to six credits per semester, or the equivalent in non-credit courses.

Last Spring, 19 employees took advantage of the plan.

she enjoys horseback riding.

Her interest in judo began early in the summer of 1960, when a policeman friend of her mother's taught Dorothy some of the basic judo techniques. She became so intrigued with the sport that she enrolled at Judo, Inc., a Manhattan school. She was 16.

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## Mrs. Miriam Groman Retires... But She'll Return as Volunteer

Mrs. Miriam Groman has retired from the front office at Neurological Institute where she has been an admitting clerk for 13 years.

A resident of Washington Heights for the past 28 years, Mrs. Groman "watched the hospital grow." Her own affinity with it has built up, too, and although she won't be an employee anymore she wants to keep busy around the hospital, she says.

After an extended vacation, Mrs. Groman will become a Volunteer.



Mrs. Miriam Groman

### FROM THE MAILBAG

May we extend our thanks and deep appreciation for the courtesies and care shown our son, recently hospitalized for surgery, and, though belated, to our daughter, who was in Babies Hospital earlier this year... from the parents of patients in Babies Hospital.



# Such Interesting Sights To See . . .

Such interesting sights to see, if only we pause to look . . .  
Such fascinating facts to glean, if only we bother to ask . . .

Motivated by this belief—and lured out of doors by the warm, inviting sunshine—a Stethoscope observer and photographer Werner Wolff took a leisurely stroll around the beautiful grounds of the Medical Center.

Observations, recorded on note pad and film:

Sidewalk superintendents

gawking at steelmen . . . steelmen raising girders and beams, the sturdy steel skeleton of our new radiotherapy center . . .

Strollers pass . . . a pretty girl, with that unmistakable dreamy, misty look in her eyes, hand in hand with a young man in a white jacket . . . romance at the Medical Center . . . and a future item for Stethoscopia, no doubt . . .

Beside the south wall of the chapel, white trumpet-shaped flowers bloom under stained glass windows . . . "What are they called?" you ask a gar-

dener . . . "Angel's Trumpets," he says . . . appropriate name for flowers in such a location . . . (Back in the office, an encyclopedia reveals this plant is also known as Devil's Apple, that it has medicinal uses, that it was a favorite herb among practitioners of black magic . . . and a Stethoscope article is born . . .)

Amble westward in the garden, past young nurses and medical students lounging against a stone wall, chatting and joking, enjoying the sun and fresh air . . .

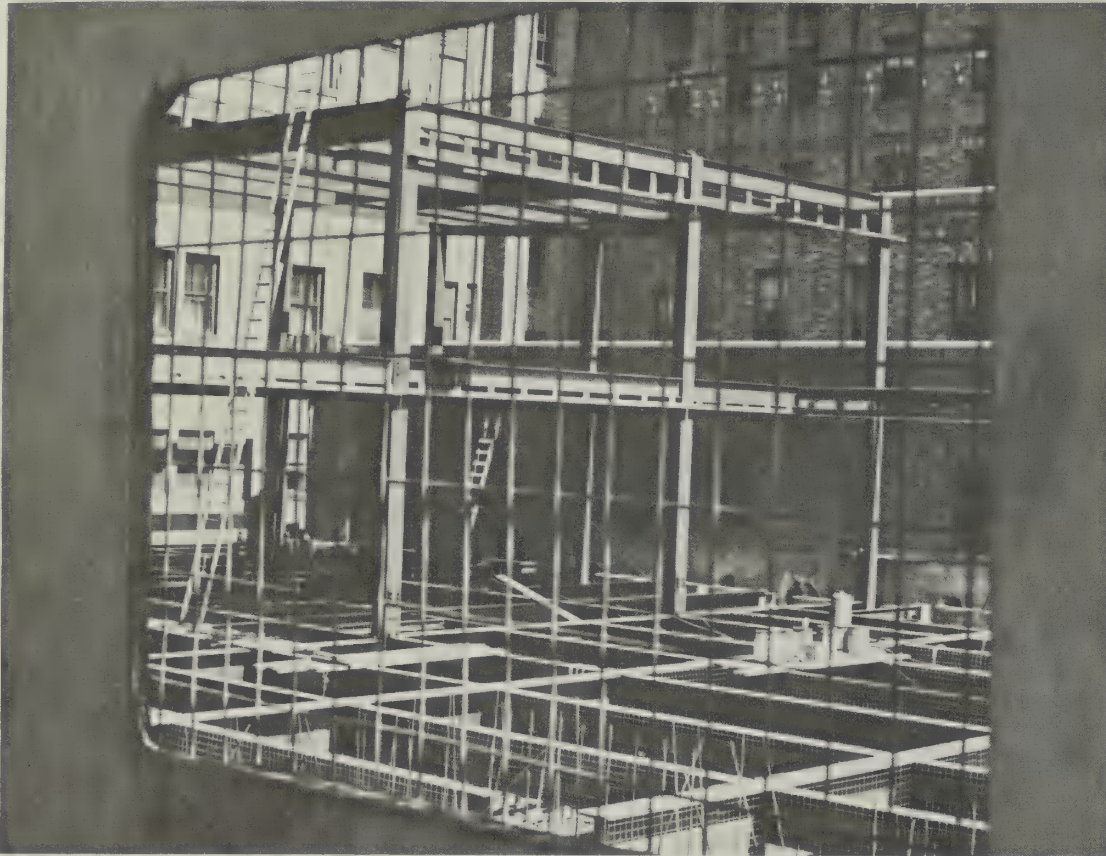
Stroll on across cobblestoned Fort Washington Avenue, onto the grounds of our student and graduate nurses' residence halls, south, down a flagstone path, almost hidden by shrubs, through the trees, and there . . .

In a shady hollow, so quiet and rustic it might be rural Maine, the Medical Center's greenhouse nestles among locust trees, magnolia and weeping willow . . . carefully tended geranium beds, a vivid burst of crimson . . . multicolored dahlias, red canna lilies and

white allyssum in a bed, cultivated we're told, by student nurses . . . holly bushes and flowers everywhere . . .

Lulled by so much natural beauty and tranquility, the mind recalls a passage from Gulliver's Travels:

"Whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together."



## PEEKING OVER THE SHOULDER OF SIDEWALK SUPERINTENDENTS

While two curious Medical Center employees (right) paused during their lunch hour to peer through peepholes in the fence surrounding the site of the new radiotherapy center, the camera peeked over their shoulder and captured the view above.



## WARM SUNSHINE AND A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Enjoying a few moments of relaxation from duties and studies, young nurses and medical students chat happily in the garden.



## IT MIGHT BE RURAL MAINE, BUT IT ISN'T

Nestled in a little hollow and isolated by a green umbrella of foliage, the Medical Center's greenhouse seems a thousand miles away from the skyscrapers and the bustle of America's largest city.





# Such Fascinating Facts To Glean . . .



ANGEL'S TRUMPETS IN FULL BLOOM  
OUTSIDE THE PAULINE A. HARTFORD MEMORIAL CHAPEL

WEATHER'S QUITE CONTRARY,  
BUT HOW THEIR GARDEN GROWS!

This well-tended bed of multicolored dahlias, red canna lilies and white alyssium flowers were planted near the greenhouse by student nurses.

## DEVIL'S APPLE or ANGEL'S TRUMPET?

### *Plant of Many Names, Many Mysteries Blooms 'Neath Windows of Our Chapel*

A curious happenstance of nature was called to our attention recently by a frequent visitor to the Medical Center. He asked if we had noticed the Angel's Trumpet plants in our garden, flanking the stained glass windows on the north side of the Chapel.

We hadn't, but we went out to investigate!

Appropriate as the symmetrical arrangement seems, the planting was not planned. We were assured that the attractive flowers just happened to grow in that spot and had been reappearing there for the last few years. Also, we're told, they are really weeds, though pretty ones, and they are not entirely angelic in character.

Actually, this unusual plant has a dual personality, with propensities both for good and for evil, and is known by many aliases. Frequently referred to as Devil's Apple, Thornapple and Jimson Weed, its Greek name in the herbals is *Datura Stramonium*.

The lily-like blossoms, springing from their lush bed of gray-green spiney leaves, are not out of place in a hospital setting. Derivatives of the plant's leaves and seeds have long been known for their medicinal value. A drug, hyoscyamine, associated with atropine and hyscine, is obtained from them and it is used as an anodyne, an anti-spasmodic and a narcotic.

Extremely poisonous, the leaves exhale a heavy, narcotic odor, especially when bruised. This unpleasant trait discourages browsing animals from eating what would be a lethal dose.

#### OF WITCHES AND ORACLES

Burning of the dried leaves produces a smoke said to relieve bronchial spasms. In early times these vapors were considered an aid to the incantations of witches. During the witch and wizard mania in England people were persecuted just for having the plant present in their gardens. It was also thought that the Delphic Oracles used the smoke to provoke prophecy.



#### GOOD OR EVIL?

*Datura Stramonium* had many uses through the ages . . . an aid to witches in their black doings . . . a prime ingredient in numerous folk remedies . . . source of a drug valuable to modern medicine.

The introduction of Stramonium into medicine was made in the latter half of the eighteenth century. Almost every part of the plant has some medicinal value but the pharmacopeias list only the by-products of the leaves and seeds.

A recipe by an early English physician reads "the juice of Thornapple, boiled with hog's grease, cureth all inflammations whatever, all manner of burnings and scaldings, as well as fire, water, boiling lead, gunpowder, and that which comes by lightning."

A recent issue of an American medical journal expresses the opinion that Stramonium may be a remedy for that dread disease, hydrophobia.

#### DIABOLIC CONNOTATIONS

The diabolic connotation derives from its dangerous qualities which were first experienced by the early Virginia settlers who ate some of the leaves with strange and tragic effects. They then named the tobacco-like weed Devil's Apple although it had been known as Jimson Weed, too, because it was first noticed in the vicinity of the Jamestown settlement. Legend has it that it came over in the ballast of the sailing ships of the Jamestown expedition.

In the cotton fields of the South it is often a pest, choking out the young bearing plants. Flocks of geese are turned loose in these afflicted fields to clean out the weed, which to these fowl is a delicacy without any ill effects.

The dramatic plant flowers all summer and the blooms open wide in the morning, closing with the lengthening day. They are often cultivated in modern gardens as a background planting.

The striking blooms were the subject of a floral painting exhibited in our 1964 Medical Center Art Show by Mrs. Rhoda Van Dyke.





# Teen Toughs Taunted The Wrong Gal!

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After long months of rigorous, continuous practice, she earned the right to tie a black sash around her slender waist. At age 19, she was the only one of 20 girls in her class entitled to wear the black belt symbolic of a judo champion. She also received the title of *sensi* or instructor.

## HOLDS B.S. FROM CCNY

Long interested in science and medicine, Bronx-born Dorothy was a pre-med student at City College of New York, graduating in 1964 with a bachelor of science degree in biology. During her summer vacations from CCNY she worked at a union health center in Manhattan.

## HERE SINCE OCTOBER

Dorothy became an employee here in October, 1964. She works with young patients with heart defects as an elec-

trocardiograph technician in the cardiovascular laboratory of Babies Hospital.

Despite her interest and ability in what is usually regarded as a ruggedly masculine sport, there is nothing masculine about Dorothy.

She loves cooking, sewing, dancing and wearing frilly clothes.

And she's a new bride. On

August 29 she was wed to Earl Galbreath, Jr., her steady beau for two years.

Earl, an ex-GI trained in the basics of judo, isn't one to worry about his wife's rather awesome physical capabilities. In fact, he's quite proud of them.

"Imagine a girl with a black belt," he said. "That's something!"

## Medallion Award & LBJ Bar-B-Q For Dr. Merriam's Boy, George

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Then came a famous Johnson barbecue!

Luci Johnson and the celebrated hounds, Blanco and Him, astronaut John Glenn, Olympic swimmer Don Scholander, Princeton All America basketball star Bill Bradley, Senator William J. Fulbright and Dr. Karl Menninger of the

Menninger Clinic made up the roster of celebrities. Entertainment was m.c'd by David McCallum, co-star of the "Man from U.N.C.L.E." television shows.

Young George had to leave for home early the following morning. He was valedictorian at his graduation ceremonies that day.

## Nurse Dorothy Reilly on Leave To Study for Ph.D. in Education

Dorothy E. Reilly, Associate Professor of Nursing, has been granted a year's leave of absence from her duties here to complete the study and research requirements for the degree of doctor of education.

She will pursue her studies at New York University with a Nurse-Scientist Research Fellowship from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, U. S. Public Health Service.

A native of Holyoke, Mass., she was graduated in 1942 from the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University.

She earned a master of science degree in nursing education from Boston University in 1950, then was a research associate and instructor at the B.U. School of Nursing for a year before joining our nursing faculty as an instructor in 1951.

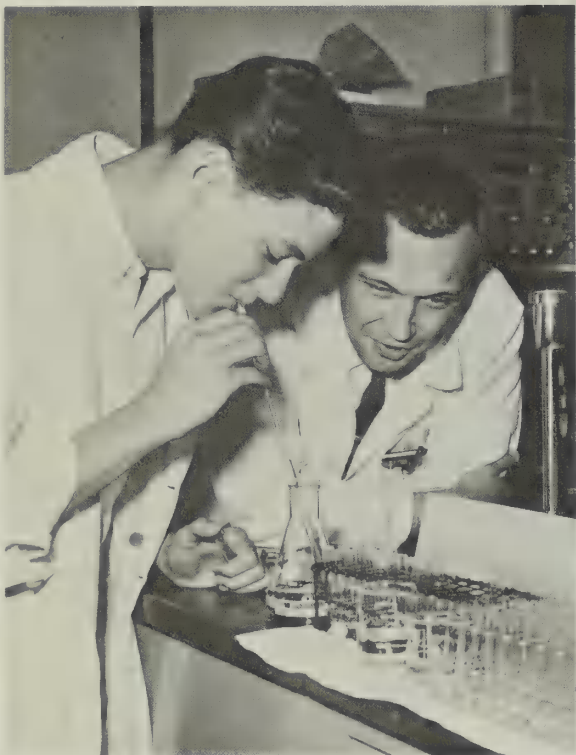
Miss Reilly will continue as faculty counsellor for the Columbia chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the national nursing honor society. She was elected a charter member in 1964.

## Farewell Tea Set For Marie Young of the Blood Bank

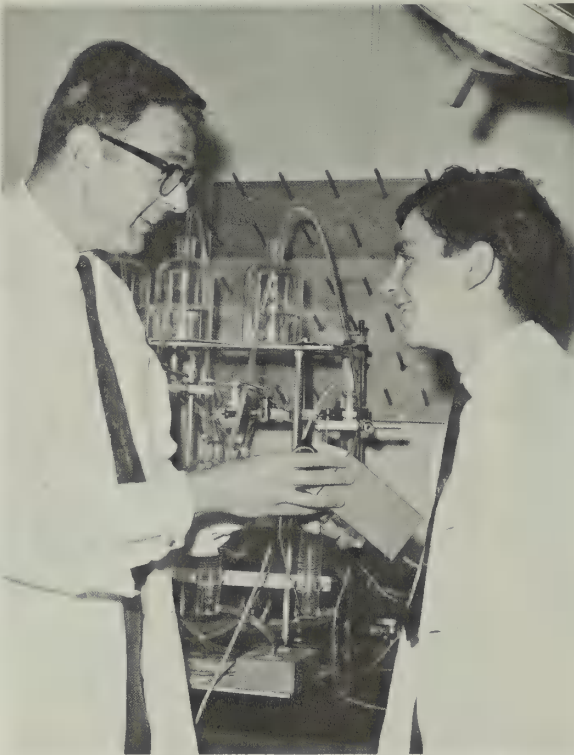
Mrs. Marie Young came to the Blood Bank as a laboratory assistant twenty years ago. Since that September day in 1945 she has missed scarcely a day and says she certainly is going to be lonely for her friends and associations here.

"I can understand why so many Presbyterian employees consider this their second home. I've always felt that closeness and affection in my job," she says.

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Edward Weinberg, Bronx High School of Science, learns the proper use of a pipette (used for the precise measurement of small quantities of liquid) under the guidance of Dr. Lubos Triner of Czechoslovakia, visiting research associate in Anesthesiology.



Methods of measuring the reaction of heart muscles to certain stimuli, including drugs, is the subject under discussion here ■ Dr. Herbert J. Barthelstone, assistant professor of Pharmacology, chats with Ralph Nadell, DeWitt Clinton High School.



The function and use of electronic devices to monitor a surgical patient's respiration and circulation ■ explained to Linda Yang, Bronx High School of Science, by Dr. James R. Malm, director of Presbyterian Hospital's Open Heart Surgery Program.

# Developing Scientists For Tomorrow

A gray-haired medical scientist, glancing through the open door of a laboratory here, spotted Ed Weinberg at work with some test tubes.

The sight of Ed, pink cheeks never touched by razor blade, stopped the scientist in his tracks. "These lab technicians are getting younger every year," he muttered.

Such a reaction was typical as unsuspecting persons around the Medical Center viewed the white-coated figures of Ed Weinberg, Linda Yang and Ralph Nadell. They're all teenagers, just 16 years old.

Actually, none of the three is a lab technician. A decade from now they might be technicians, science teachers or even physicians. Now they're high school seniors with special interest and skills

in science. They were here for six weeks this summer participating in a science careers program sponsored by the New York Heart Association.

This is the second year that Presbyterian Hospital has participated in the program, which gives young scholars gifted in the sciences an opportunity to obtain lab experience under the direction of professional research scientists.

This summer 24 carefully selected students received \$25 a week from the Heart Association for the six weeks they spent in various hospital research laboratories. Each participant was nominated by his high school principal and in order to qualify required regents grades of at least 90% in biology and chemistry, and at least 80% in 10th year mathematics.

Dr. A. Gregory Jameson, chairman of the subcommittee on medical science careers of the New York Heart Association, said the summer program is designed to stimulate the interest of the participating students in science careers.

It is hoped that such a summer experience may prove to be a deciding factor in influencing the young people to choose a career in science, particularly medicine.

Dr. Jameson, assistant attending radiologist at Presbyterian Hospital, stated that this is a continuing program. Each participant will be followed for 10 years, through college and his early career, in order to adequately judge what influence the program may have had on his eventual choice of vocations.





Mrs. Eleanor Wheeler House, right, supervisor of the Intensive Care Unit at Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, N. J., explains operation of wireless cardiac monitor and patient television monitor to three visitors from the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center: nursing student Peggy Peters, left, associate in nursing Katherine Knight and associate professor of nursing Dorothy Reilly.

## Field Trip Acquaints Students With Community Hospital Nursing

Some of the differences between a major medical center and a large community teaching hospital were studied by a group of 24 students and four faculty members from our School of Nursing during a recent field trip to Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, N. J.

At Muhlenberg, a 520-bed voluntary hospital serving a community of 200,000 in suburban towns, the visiting nurses from the Medical Center enjoyed a tour and heard a number of lectures on various phases of nursing in a community hospital.

The Medical Center nurses found they had an unexpected bond with their hosts on the nursing staff of Muhlenberg: two of these women are alumnae of our School of Nursing and two others hold advanced degrees from Teachers College of Columbia.

The two graduates of our nursing school were Mrs. Eleanor Wheeler House, Class of '35, who spoke on intensive nursing care, and Mrs. Margery Ward Nettleton, Class of '57, who lectured on the team concept of nursing care.

### DINNER GUESTS OF CHIEF OF STAFF

Both Miss Ruth L. Mitchell, director of nursing at Muhlenberg who gave a brief history of the 88-year-old hospital, and Miss Charlotte F. Davenport, associate director of nursing who spoke on leadership in nursing, hold a master of arts degree from Teachers College.

Following the program at the hospital, the visitors from the Medical Center were dinner guests at the home of Dr. Richard C. Peters, chief of staff at Muhlenberg. Dr. Peters is the father of Peggy Peters, a student in our School of Nursing.

Nursing faculty members from the Medical Center who accompanied the students were Marion D. Cleveland, director of nursing service and assistant professor of nursing; Mary E. Windrow, assistant director of nursing service and assistant professor of nursing; Dorothy Reilly, associate professor of nursing, and Katherine Knight, associate in nursing.

## S. A. Society Honors Dental Professor

Dr. Jack Budowsky, associate clinical professor of dentistry at the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, has been elected an honorary member of the Colombian Dental Association.

He delivered a series of 20 lectures on "Diseases of the Jaw Bones" before the association August 15-19 in Cartagena, Colombia, South America. Despite the heavy sched-

ule, he also lectured twice in the evening to dental students at the University of Cartagena.

On August 11, Dr. Budowsky spoke on the same topic in Mexico City, before the annual convention of the Dental Society of Mexico.

## MR. LISCOMBE

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After more than a quarter century at the hospital, during which time the Liscombes resided in an apartment on Haven Avenue, the move to New England spells quite a change.

There will still be a Liscombe at the Medical Center, however. Son Walter is evening supervisor in the Communications Center.

## MARIE YOUNG

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Retiring to her means more time for her 10 grandchildren. She thinks this may not be restful but it certainly is entertaining.

A farewell tea will be given for Mrs. Young on September 10 from 4-6 p.m. in Room 1-50.

# Researchers Receive Funds to Continue Study Of Puzzling Problem in Field of Ear Surgery

An experimental investigation of round window surgery will be continued in the Department of Otolaryngology under a grant renewal from the Deafness Research Foundation.

The grant, originally awarded for the July 1964 to July 1965 period, has now been extended for a second year, according to Dr. Juergen Tonndorf, Professor and Di-

rector of Research in Otolaryngology.

The long-term goal of this project is to enhance the probability of success in surgical attempts to improve a patient's hearing by removing abnormal bony tissue from the round window, a membrane covered opening between the middle and inner ear.

The experimental round

window surgery is being conducted under Dr. Tonndorf's direction by Dr. Roger S. Kaufman, 2nd year resident in Otolaryngology, and Miss Florence McArdle, research assistant.

Actually, the problem these researchers are trying to solve is a puzzling one.

Abnormal bony tissue, called otosclerosis, causes impaired hearing or deafness in many persons by growing over and sometimes blocking two membranes covered opening between the middle and inner ear.

Most frequently it strikes the opening called the oval window. When this bony tissue is surgically removed from the oval window, hearing is improved in about 95% of the cases.

### WHY FAILURE?

However, otosclerosis sometimes also clogs the round window. Although this opening is just a fraction of an inch from the oval window, similar surgical removal of bony tissue from the round window, attempted a number of years ago, proved so unsuccessful in improving hearing that the operation was discontinued.

Why did the surgery fail? Investigators here will be trying to determine which of a number of possible factors was the cause.

## "Little Miss Young" Accepts New Position

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Little Miss Young's many friends here are happy her move takes her no farther. The Medical Center wouldn't be the same without her—she's been here since the doors were opened to patients in 1928.

Phyllis Young, reared in Altoona, Pa., already held a bachelor of arts degree from Smith College when she entered the old Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in the autumn of 1924.

In charge of nursing education at Presbyterian in Phyllis Young's student days (and for a number of days to come) was Helen Young—the Miss Young, director of the P.H. School of Nursing, 1921-42, and now, at age 90, still active as treasurer of the school's alumnae association.

In the presence of such an eminent and dominant personality as Helen Young, it was quite reasonable that Phyllis Young should become known among those who knew them both as Little Miss Young, an affectionate name which has stuck.

After her graduation from nursing school in 1927, Phyllis Young joined the nursing staff of Presbyterian Hospital, then preparing to move from its downtown location near Central Park to quarters being completed at the new Medical Center.

### A CAREER HIGHLIGHT

Phyllis Young recalls that a highlight of her career occurred during the final two months before the move, when she was acting night supervisor at the old hospital.

"Each morning," she said, "I made my report of the night's activities directly to Miss Helen Young."

At the Medical Center, she was head nurse for a year on a women's medical ward then in 1929 was appointed supervisor on the 12th floor of Presbyterian. "This floor was then known as the Second Surgical Division. It was headed by Dr. Hugh Auchincloss," she said.

She remained as supervisor

on that floor for 10 years. During that time, as clinical instructor of the nursing school, she gave hundreds of students their first training in the duties of a surgical nurse.

In 1939 she accepted the challenging job of running the Nurses Registry, which maintains a roster of hundreds of private duty nurses and assigns them as the need arises.

Now, after more than a quarter of a century in one post, she has a new job and a new challenge. And, as secretary of the Alumnae Association, she will again be working closely with Helen Young.

"I am doubly happy, because Miss Young is also pleased," said the Little Miss Young.

## Essay Award to Librarian E. J. Weimerskirch

Philip J. Weimerskirch, reference librarian in the Medical Library, is the recipient of the 1965 Murray Gottlieb Prize Essay Award for his manuscript entitled "Benjamin Rush and John Minson Galt, II; Pioneers in Bibliotherapy in America." The paper will be published in the January 1966 issue of the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association.

## Our Medical Center People Certainly Do Get Around!



OLÉ FLAMENCO — On the outdoor stage of a night club near Barcelona, Spain, vacationing Marliese Roehrig dances the flamenco. She's a surgical assistant in the Dental School's Oral Surgery Clinic.



# Hartford Foundation Grants \$421,046 For Study of Prostate Enlargement

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ing their most productive years.

"These abnormal growths occur at a time when there is an alteration in the hormonal content of the extracellular fluid which continually bathes the prostatic cells and their supporting fibromuscular stroma," according to Dr. John K. Lattimer, Director of the Service of Urology.

Dr. Lattimer, chief investigator in the new study, said that prostatic cancer "has now become the leading cause of cancer deaths in men over 60."

"Up until recently," he explained, "surgical removal was the only curative treatment for prostatic enlargement of either the benign or malignant type."

"In the case of cancer, the number of men cured depended upon an extremely early clinical diagnosis, confirmation by an operative biopsy and then a radical surgical procedure."

## PROSTATE FREEZE TECHNIQUE

The new prostate freeze treatment is accomplished by introducing a hollow metal probe into the urethra, so that the tip is exactly within the prostate gland, which surrounds the urethra at its inner end.

Then the tip of the probe is cooled to minus 150 degrees by running liquid nitrogen through it. The remainder of the probe is insulated so that it will cause no damage to the normal tissues. Only the enlarged prostate is frozen.

After a few moments, the liquid nitrogen is cut off and the tip of the probe is warmed electrically. The probe can then be withdrawn from the ice ball which formed around its tip, within the enlarged prostate. The length of time the nitrogen is allowed to flow controls the extent of the frozen area.

As a result of the freezing, the prostate undergoes cellular death. As melting occurs, the tissues disintegrate and run out, as muddy debris, through a catheter placed in the patient's bladder.

"The exact limitations and

contraindications for this particular method of treatment will be worked out with great care by the research group of the Department of Urology before it will be applied to our patients at Presbyterian Hospital," Dr. Lattimer said.

"Previous research work, backed by the Hartford Foundation, has indicated the practicality and usefulness of this method."

"It would seem to be particularly good for patients who are unable to withstand ordinary surgery."

"It is also hoped that this method will reduce blood loss, which is always a factor in the present surgical methods of dealing with prostate enlargement."

## PROMISING LEADS UNCOVERED

Dr. Lattimer indicated that relatively little basic research work at the cellular level has been done in human prostatic growth, "despite the fact that it affects men in their prime creative and productive years."

During the past several years, however, scientists in Presbyterian Hospital's Department of Urology have been at work in this field, developing research techniques and acquiring research personnel and facilities, including electron microscopy.

They have already carried out numerous electron microscopic studies on human prostatic tissues, including healthy tissue and tumorous tissue of both the benign and malignant types.

These studies revealed, according to Dr. Lattimer, "several most interesting factors which we believe will lead to a quicker and clearer understanding of the cell biology of the human prostate gland and of what barriers can be erected to prevent further prostatic growth."

## THREE PRONGED ATTACK

The attacks on the problem of prostatic enlargement will follow three routes: animal studies, further studies of human tissues, and treatment of patients with the anti-hormonal, anti-viral or other agents that will be developed

in animal and human studies.

As a consequence of new knowledge, such as that anticipated in these studies, numerous different and rational types of therapy—anti-hormonal, anti-viral and chemical—may become possible as preventatives of abnormal cellular growth and cancer cell survival.

## First Occupants In New Black Building



Black Medical Research Building

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a large selection of textbooks, fiction, paperbacks and records as well as a gift corner with ceramics.

Access to the new shop is through the front lobby of the Black Building and up the stairs at the rear or it can be reached by turning down the right hand corridor on the first floor of the College.

The school of Physical and Occupational Therapy took up residence in its basement floor accommodations on September 2. Besides classrooms, offices and student lounges and locker rooms, the floor houses three research laboratories for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

On September 20 classes will begin there for 100 students taking courses leading to the B.S. degree in Physical and Occupational Therapy.

## Clinic Plans Anniversary Program

The Psychoanalytic Clinic for Training and Research will celebrate its twentieth anniversary with a Scientific Session and dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on October 30. Meetings will take place in the Empire Room from 9:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., followed by cocktails and dinner.

## Hope New Surgical Technique May Give Permanent Relief to Hydrocephalic Tots

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the skull, just under the scalp, and down the side of the neck, just under the skin. Then it is threaded into the jugular vein and pushed along it into the heart.

This brain to heart shunt usually works well. Excess fluid drains into the heart, then is circulated and eventually absorbed by the blood stream.

As a young patient grows, however, a shortcoming of this technique often becomes apparent: the tubing stretches and frequently pulls out from the heart. When this happens, the fluid no longer has anywhere to drain and begins to accumulate again in the brain.

Here's what the team of neurological and cardiac surgeons did in the two latest cases here to counteract this problem.

While neurosurgeons worked within the skull, cardiac surgeons opened the chest. Neurosurgeons inserted one end of the tube into the pool of excess fluid in the center of the brain. After x-rays taken on the spot revealed this end was in proper position, neurosurgeons threaded the other end under the scalp along the neck and then, without involving the jugular vein, directly into the chest cavity.

When the other end of the tube appeared in the chest, the cardiac surgeons took over and inserted it carefully through a small incision directly into the right atrium, or receiving chamber of the heart.

Rather than draw the tubing taut, they left about six-inches slack to allow for patient growth.

Although these two cases represent the first use of this new surgical technique at the Medical Center, this particular type of surgery has also been performed recently in a few other hospitals in this country.

The two operations here were carried on under the

supervision of Drs. James G. McMurty, III, assistant attending neurosurgeon, Bennett M. Stein, assistant neurosurgeon, and Frederick O. Bowman, Jr., assistant attending surgeon, representing the cardiac surgery team.

The surgery itself was performed by Drs. Robert P. Colton and Charles H. Anderson, Jr., from neurosurgery, and Drs. Paul Harris, Herbert B. Hechtman and Frederic F. Primich, from cardiac surgery.

## Pediatric Radiology Fellowship Program Initiated at Babies

Creation of a fellowship program in pediatric radiology at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center has been made possible by a grant from the Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

One of a very few such training programs in the country, it will provide an opportunity for selected qualified pediatricians and radiologists to "become capable of assuming leadership in the teaching and investigative aspects of pediatric radiology," according to Dr. David H. Baker.

Dr. Baker is director of the Babies Hospital X-ray Department and will head the new project here.

The program is designed to take on one candidate a year. Doctors with previous training in pediatrics will require three years to complete the program, those with previous training in radiology will require two years.

The fellows selected, who already will be well versed and trained in pediatrics or radiology will be encouraged to cultivate radiology as a research tool, with a goal of developing and imparting new knowledge.

## Awards Tea Is September 9 For Junior and Evening Volunteers

Presbyterian Hospital will hold its second annual awards tea to honor its evening and junior volunteers from 5 to 7 p.m. September 9 in Maxwell Hall.

Mrs. Marguerite Stein, director of volunteers, said that service certificates and pins will be presented to junior volunteers who worked here during the school year and summer vacation, and to evening volunteers who have been unable to attend the regular Volunteer Awards Tea held each Spring.



Dr. David H. Baker, Director of Pediatric Radiology





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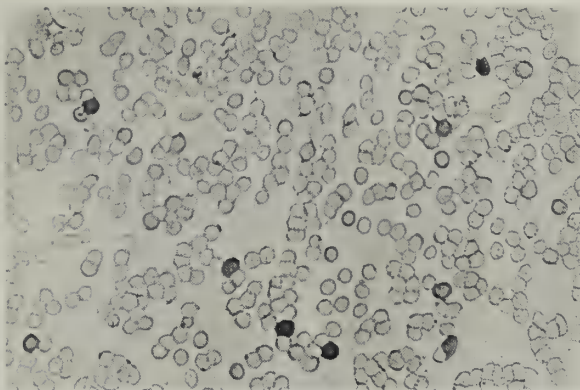
## Rh Disease Study Goes Well Here

After almost four years of clinical studies, two researchers at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center have reported continuing success with a technique that may eliminate a blood disorder commonly called "Rh disease."

A leading danger in pregnancy, Rh disease (erythroblastosis fetalis) is believed to affect one of every 200 babies born in the United States. Each year it causes approximately 10,000 infant deaths, either in utero or shortly after birth.

In papers delivered recently in New York and Miami, Drs. Vincent J. Freda and John G. Gorman told of favorable results in preventing Rh sensitization among a group of Rh negative mothers attending the Medical Center's Erythroblastosis Clinic for post natal care.

Rh disease occurs in cases where the mother's blood is Rh negative and her unborn baby's is Rh positive. When red blood cells from the baby invade the mother's blood stream in sufficient



Blood sample taken from Rh negative mother soon after delivery reveals dark colored Rh positive red cells from her baby. To protect mother from creating antibody against newborn's blood, she was given injection of gamma globulin containing passive anti-Rh antibody; 48 hours later, gamma globulin had cleared all trace of fetal cells from her blood.

volume, she may, some months after delivery, react by producing antibodies, which during her next Rh positive pregnancy pass back into the baby's circulation and attack and destroy its red cells.

To prevent this from occurring, the Medical Center researchers have injected certain Rh negative mothers with a special gamma globulin, containing passive anti-Rh antibody. This preparation was tested first on volunteers at Sing Sing Prison.

What the injection does, is render the mother insensitive to her baby's Rh positive blood so that she will not produce antibodies against it.

Six months after they received an injection of gamma globulin here, none of 35 unsensitized Rh negative mothers who delivered Rh positive babies shows any trace of antibody in the blood stream. Of a similar group of 40 mothers who

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## Orthopaedic Hospital Plans For Its Centennial

Celebration plans for the 100th Anniversary of The New York Orthopaedic Hospital during 1966 have been completed. Dr. Frank E. Stinchfield, director, has announced the program to mark the centennial and the gift which will be presented on the occasion.

A three-day scientific session which will take place in the Alumni Auditorium on April 27-29, will bring many prominent orthopedic surgeons from this country and abroad to address the meetings. A dinner-dance on the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria on April 29 will be the social highlight of the program.

Alumni and friends of NYOH are raising a fund of \$150,000 to renovate conference and classroom facilities

### NYOH Auxiliary Sets Bolshoi Ballet Benefit for May 4

An opportunity to see one of the last performances scheduled at the Metropolitan Opera House before its final closing is offered by the Women's Auxiliary of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital. They have reserved a block of seats for the May 4 performance of the Bolshoi Ballet for the benefit of their hospital's 100th Anniversary Fund. This is just three days before the Opera House, a New York landmark for 83 years, will end its stay at its present site.

Tickets for the ballet, 600 orchestra seats and 80 boxes,

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on the 5th floor of Presbyterian for the use of the orthopedic service. This is expected to cost \$75,000 and plans have been drawn for the suite. A loan fund for house staff will be established with the remaining moneys.

An anniversary brochure, "A Century of Progress in Orthopaedic Surgery," giving the history and accomplishments of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital, has been written by Dr. David L. Andrews. A Souvenir Program for the benefit performance of the Bolshoi Ballet on May 4, giving highlights of the history of the Women's Auxiliary of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital, will be published by the ladies to swell the anniversary fund. The program for the meetings will be announced in November Stethoscope.

General chairman of the

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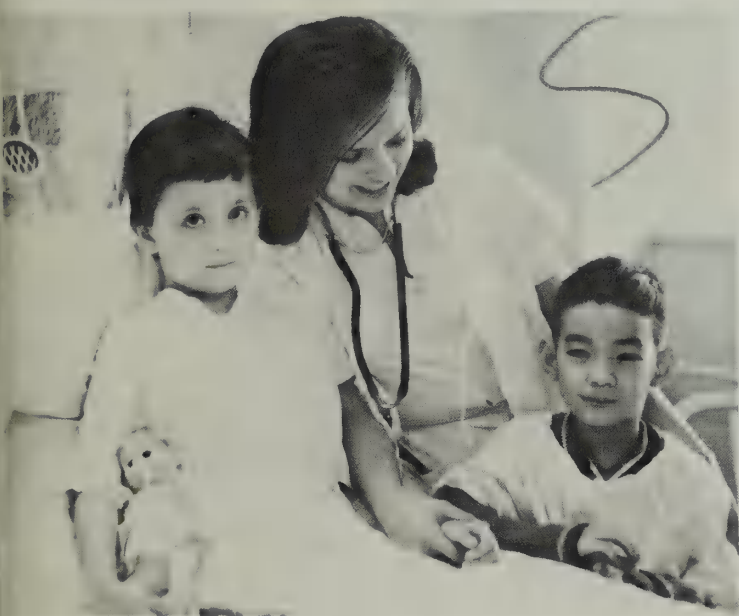
### Cora Shaw to Retire After 37 Years At The Medical Center

A span of 37 years at the Medical Center will end for Cora Shaw on October 19 when she retires from the post of Assistant Director of Nursing Service in charge of that service in the Eye Institute.

In an interview in her bright, cheerful office on the 7th floor there, she recalled some of the highlights of her nursing career, all of which has been spent at the Medical Center.

A native of Ontario, Canada, Miss Shaw had been a teacher in the public school

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Chiraphan Kanasuta, 7, of Thailand and Silvia Mora, 8, of Italy have something in common: sound hearts, following open heart surgery here.

## The Odyssey and Cure Of Chiraphan, the Brave

Little Chiraphan, "The Brave One," was born in Thailand in 1958. On his seventh birthday recently he experienced here at the Medical Center what his parents consider "a rebirth."

His story, dramatic in itself, also furnishes positive testimony concerning the value of an international exchange of medical knowledge.

Chiraphan Kanasuta (his given name means "Brave One") was one of the largest babies born at the hospital in Bangkok, where he entered the world on August 6, 1958. Weighing over eight pounds, with bright brown eyes that shined like polished mahogany, he was a vigorous and apparently healthy infant.

When Chiraphan was six months old, however, a pediatrician in Bangkok detected a heart murmur. More detailed

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## STETHOSCOPIA

### ● WEDDING BELLS PEALD

*John H. Feibel*, student at P&S, was married to Miss Diane Sue Klieger of Scarsdale, N. Y. in a recent ceremony at the Waldorf-Astoria. Mrs. Feibel is a student of zoology at Columbia.

*Robert Mitchell Russell*, third year medical student, and Miss Sharon Elaine Stanton of Laurel Hollow, N. Y. were married recently. Mrs. Russell will be graduated in June from Wellesley College.

*JoAnne McSweeney*, Personnel Office, married Lt. John Duggan on September 11. They will be at Fort Benning, Ga. for a short time until they are transferred to Germany by the Army.

Charles Alvarado, son of *Carlos Alvarado* of Maintenance & Construction, married Miss Lucy Soto on September 19. The couple made a wedding trip to Puerto Rico.

*Richard Alan Loop*, X-ray technician in Neurological Institute, married Miss Barbara Ann Bacsardi, laboratory technician at Bergen Pines Hospital, on September 4.

### ■ BETROTHALS

*Norman Wingate Boyd, Jr.*, a student at the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, is engaged to Miss Julianne Kathleen Mamana of Easton, Pa. Miss Mamana is a senior at Beaver College.

*Kenneth Harvey Davidson*, student at P&S, and Miss Arlene Joan Rosenstein of Brookline, Mass. are engaged. Miss Rosenstein is a senior at Boston University School of Education.

### ● ROCK A BYE BABY

*Patrick Meehan*, Night Supervisor, Harkness Front Office, is the proud father of a baby girl, born August 30. Mrs. Meehan is the former *Elizabeth Constance Gorczyca*, who was a Staff Night Nurse in Harkness.

*Frank Harvey*, Maintenance & Construction, and Mrs. Harvey, welcomed their second daughter, Stacey Ann, on August 12.

### ■ HELLO

Mrs. *Susan Prentky* is the new receptionist in Personnel Office.

### ■ FAREWELL

Dr. *Martha Sharpless*, Fellow in Pediatrics, has gone to live in North Carolina where her husband is finishing his residency in pathology. Dr. Sharpless was chief resident in Babies Hospital 1963-64.

### ● NOTES OF INTEREST

On September 30, fifty students from Grace Dodge Vocational High School began training for their service as volunteers here during their junior year. These girls work on the orthopedic and urological floors as a part of their program in Practical Nursing. This is the first year that the entire class has been enrolled in our Volunteer Program.

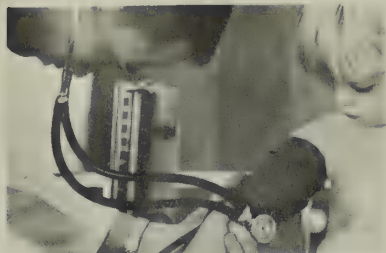
## Want to Stop Smoking?

A new series of Stop Smoking Sessions will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 at the Washington Heights Health Center, 168th Street at Broadway.

Medical Center personnel are invited to register for the sessions by calling WA 7-6300, Extension 22.

Registrations will also be accepted during the first session when the speaker will be Dr. Isabelle Blum, physician in charge of the Stop Smoking program for the New York City Department of Health. The film, "One in Twenty Thousand," will be shown.

The initial program will be followed by eight group therapy sessions over a four week period.



## DOINGS OF DOCTORS



DR. DOUGLAS S. DAMROSCH, assistant vice-president, of the Hospital was a member of a committee appointed by President Johnson to assist in the search for a Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

DRS. CHARLES W. FINDLAY, JR. AND GRANT SANGER, associate attending surgeons, attended the Lister Centenary Scientific Meeting, September 27 and 28 at the Glasgow, Scotland Royal Infirmary. Theme of the meeting was "Progress Since Lister." Dr. Findlay officially represented Columbia; Dr. Sanger represented Princeton.

Three Medical Center physicians will be guest faculty at the Third Annual Postgraduate Seminar under the auspices of the University of Miami School of Medicine in Miami Beach, Fla., January 6-9. The topic will be "The Mother, Fetus and Newborn." DR. L. STANLEY JAMES, assistant attending pediatrician, will lecture on "Erythroblastosis Fetalis-Intrauterine Exchange Transfusion" and on "The Role of Birth Asphyxia." He will chair the symposium on Respiratory Distress Syndrome of the Newborn and will deliver the introductory remarks and the comments and recapitulation at this session. DR. HERBERT RACKOW, associate attending anesthesiologist, will present "Physiological Response of the Newborn to Anesthesia."

Dr. James will receive the Mead Johnson Award for 1965 at the general session of the American Academy of Pediatrics this month (see April Stethoscope).

DR. J. LAWRENCE POOL, director of neurosurgery, attended the 3rd International Congress of Neurological Surgeons in Copenhagen, Denmark recently. He showed color movies taken through a dissecting microscope during an operation for intracranial aneu-

rysms. He also attended a Neurological Seminar and visited neurological, neurosurgical and research institutes in Moscow and Leningrad.

DR. PHILIP POLATIN, attending psychiatrist, has had two books he co-authored with his wife, Ellen C. Philtine, issued in new editions. "How Psychiatry Helps," originally published by Harper's, has been published in paperback by Collier Books, and "Marriage in the Modern World" was brought out in a revised edition by J. B. Lippincott Company.

DR. RAFFAELE LATTES, Professor of Surgical Pathology, was host to 12 Italian physicians here under a travel grant by the American Cancer Society. The visitors came from Rome, Turin, Cremona, Como, Bari, Franca, Belluna, Senigallia and Milan.

DR. GORDON M. BRUCE, attending ophthalmologist, entertained a group of Irish Ophthalmologists at luncheon in 1-50 dining room on September 30 after they had made a tour of the Medical Center.

DR. HENRY LAX, Lecturer in Medicine, will be discussant at the October 8 meeting of the American Hungarian Medical Association at the New York Academy of Medicine. His topic will be "A current view of the theory and prophylaxis of atherosclerosis."

Participating in the International Congress of Otolaryngology and the International Congress of Audiology meetings in Japan, October 21-30 are: DR. DANIEL C. BAKER, JR., director of otolaryngology; DR. JOHN CONLEY, attending otolaryngologist, and MRS. SHULAMITH KASTEIN, director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic.

DR. BAKER will also attend a symposium on Cancer of Nasopharynx, taking place in Hong Kong.

DR. KARLIS ADAMSONS, JR., assistant attending obstetrician and gynecologist, spoke on Fetal Surgery during the Casper Citron program last Friday morning on WQXR.

DR. CHARLES L. CHRISTIAN, associate attending physician, will appear on WNBC-TV on October 9 at 1 p.m. on a program entitled "Research in Arthritis."



DR. JAMES



DR. RACKOW



DR. CONLEY



GORDON GREEN

## Gordon Green, Porter, Retires to "Life of Dignity & Nonchalance"

A soft voice that speaks the distinctive British-flavored language of the West Indies is missing from the Housekeeping Department.

The voice belongs to Gordon Green, who retired on Sept. 24. Mr. Green had been a porter in the basement of Vanderbilt Clinic since 1956.

If you're not familiar with the English language as it's spoken in the British West Indies, with each word carefully chosen not only for exactness, but also for its musical quality, no words of a non-native of the islands can convey a correct impression.

However, it might help to know that Mr. Green, discussing his life before he left Barbados for the United States in 1917, said he had been an apprentice to an engineer, "a gentleman who selected me, you might say, Continued on page three





Mrs. Marguerite Stein, Director of Volunteers, chats with a summer Volunteer.

# Honor Volunteers

Presbyterian Hospital paid tribute to its junior and evening volunteers during the second annual awards tea on September 9.

Service certificates and pins were presented to the volunteers by Mrs. Marguerite Stein, director of the Volunteer Department. C. Douglas Auty, Assistant Vice President, Personnel, thanked the honored guests for their service to the Presbyterian Hospital.



The gathering was sociable and the hors d'oeuvres delicious.

# Gordon Green, Porter, Retires

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because he appreciated my deportment."

His first few years in New York were devoted to school. Then in 1920 he "began in the toy line." During the second half of the 1930's, while an employee of Ideal Toy Co., he was engaged in creating the famous Shirley Temple dolls, the real Shirley Temple dolls.

"There were many imitations, as all outstanding things or persons in life have imitations," philosophized Mr. Green. "But we made the original, as it were, the authentic Shirley Temple doll."

Mr. Green was a master of molding dolls, using a composition of heated wood pulp to create the bodies and limbs. In the mid-1950's, the doll industry entered the machine age and many jobs, including Mr. Green's, disappeared.

"I used to walk the streets and worry. You know how it is if you have a sore and pick at it. Well, my mind would pick, pick, pick. So finally I said to myself, 'Well, Gordon

Green, you've got to put the past at your back and look to the future.'"

So at age 55, Mr. Green and his wife Rose bought themselves "a little shelter" in the Bronx. "I was not at all familiar with a paintbrush until we got that house," he admitted. But he became quite friendly with brushes, hammers, saws and other household tools during the year he spent putting his new house in order.

Then in 1956 he came to work at the Medical Center. "You know," he said, "some of the finest people I think are on this earth I've met right here. They have helped make my nine years here most pleasant."

Now that he's retired, Mr. Green plans to settle down at his "little shelter" in the Bronx and live "a life of dignity and nonchalance."

This includes devoting more time to his church, St. Luke's Episcopal of Manhattan. He's also looking forward to a January sea voyage with his wife to the island of his birth.

# FROM THE MAILBAG

"I have been a hospital patient before, and have each time, with what I tell myself is commendable stoicism, faced the anticipated invasion of privacy, the abrogation of personal rights, the dreary tedium of routine, the assault on the palate, the patronizing solicitude of the healthy . . . So it was with my recent admission to the Harkness Pavilion.

"I was, and am, astonished at what I found there. The hospital is so well appointed, the equipment and facilities maintained in such good order, the organization and supervision of the staff so well attended to, that I never saw dirt or disorderliness, never had a cursory examination by a hurried doctor, never lacked for comfort, never heard the snarl of a surly orderly, nor even the demeaning first-person-plural of a nurse. And this over a five-week stay!

"How marvelous that a patient can retain his human value, even in so large an institution, and that charm and cheer are as much a part of the esprit-de-corps as efficiency and careful observance of regulations. I am very impressed and grateful."—From a former patient in Harkness Pavilion.

# Bridget Nugent, Here 24 Years, Retires Oct. 15

After almost 24 years of service as a maid on the 11th floor of Harkness Pavilion, Bridget Nugent will retire on October 15.

Mrs. Nugent, who was born in Roscommon, Ireland, began her employment here in January 1942.

"I plan to retire and spend time visiting with my three children and twelve grandchildren," she said. "My long association with Harkness Pavilion has been a happy one. I will certainly miss all the many friends I have made over the years."



Bridget Nugent

# B. H. Women Managers to View Slide Presentation at Luncheon

The Annual Luncheon of the Board of Women Managers of Babies Hospital will be held on November 8 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 1-50, it has been announced by Mrs. R. Peter Rose, chairman.

Mr. A. J. Binkert and Dr. Edward C. Curnen will greet the guests who will include volunteer workers for the Babies Hospital Development Campaign. Mrs. John S. Tilney, Women's Committee Chairman, will give a progress report.



Mrs. R. Peter Rose

**TO AID FUND RAISING**

Dr. Douglas S. Damrosch, Chairman of the Doctors' Committee, will present color slides of areas in Babies Hospital. He has prepared the slide presentation along with a commentary, for use by the workers on the fund-raising program.

This presentation, which shows areas in need of renovation and contrasts them with newly redone facilities, illustrates the importance of attaining the \$5,000,000 goal for the renovation of Babies Hospital.

"It tells the story of our needs far more effectively than any verbal or written

presentation could," says Dr. Damrosch.

He also showed the slides at the October 4 luncheon meeting for the Women's Auxiliaries and at the Dinner for Babies Hospital House staff on September 23 at the Women's Faculty Club, Columbia University.

# ON THE SHELF

## New Books in Milbank Library

- FICTION**
- Let Me Count The Ways** by Peter De Vries. The antic performances of the son of Polish-American parents in his academic career and marriage.
- How Far to Bethlehem?** by Norah Lofts. A simple, reverent version of the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- The Emperor of Ice-Cream** by Brian Moore. Young Gavin Burke disappoints his father by flunking his college entrance exams but proves his courage in Ireland's fight for independence.
- Air Above the Ground** by Mary Stewart. A thrilling suspense story concerning the famous Lipizzan stallions of Austria.
- A Gentleman from California** by Niven Busch. This novel follows the career of Clayton Belshaw, Republican candidate for the Presidency in 1972.
- NON-FICTION**
- Manchild in the Promised Land** by Claude Brown. A frank autobiography of a man who survived a brutal childhood and youth in Harlem.
- The Art of Survival** by Cord Christian Troebst. Colorful stories of people who have managed to survive shipwrecks, plane crashes and other disasters.
- Second Spring and Two Potatoes** by Ilka Chase. Pleasant descriptions of the author's travels through Fiji, Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand and Africa.
- The Ugly Russian** by Victor Lasky. A convincing book about "The Ugly American's" political rival in Asia and Africa.
- The Lonely Empress** by Joan Haslip. A biography of the beautiful Empress Elizabeth of Austro-Hungary who was doomed to loneliness in a glittering court that was on its way to ruin.
- Milbank Library Rental Charges: Regular Collection, ten cents for two weeks; Mysteries, five cents for two weeks; New Books, five cents per calendar day.



# A Whole Lot of Learning Going On...



FLANKED BY DEANS

At the annual reception for the incoming class at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, new medical students are greeted by Dr. George A. Perera, left, Associate Dean, and Dr. J. Frederick Eagle, Jr., right, Assistant Dean.



## 122 New Medical Students Enter P & S

One hundred and twenty two students (110 men, 12 women) from 51 colleges, 32 states, 8 foreign countries and a wide variety of backgrounds are members of the incoming class at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

They were selected from 1,281 applicants.

Twenty one of the students are children of physicians and well over this number were elected to Phi Beta Kappa or graduated magna or summa cum laude, according to Dr. George A. Perera, Associate Dean.

"It is doubtful that any other medical school has an en-

tering class which can surpass this one's record of scholarship and achievement, yet the Committee of Admissions continues to put personal qualifications as one of the most important criteria for admission to P&S," Dean Perera said.

### VARIED BACKGROUNDS

Consequently, as is usual with incoming classes at P&S, this one includes many members with interesting backgrounds. These include an alumnus of the Peace Corps who served in Nigeria, a man who had his own advertising business, a former Army officer with a missile battalion, a one-time scrub nurse, an ex-truckdriver, a Presidential Scholar and a winner of the national Earl Blaik Award for scholar-athletes.

### ATHLETES AND MUSICIANS

Speaking of athletic prowess, the class includes a sculling champion, a tennis champion, a man who was an Olympic representative in Tokyo and rowed in the Henley Regatta, a weightlifter, a wrestler, and players of water polo and rugby.

Musically the class does very well, and includes some authentic virtuoso performers. More specifically, its members have mastered such instruments as the organ, piano, violin, clarinet, accordion, French horn and Chinese butterfly harp.

### 40% RECEIVE AID

Occupations of the students' fathers are also interesting in their variety. They include ministers and machinists, barbers and bankers, motion picture directors and meat cutters, rabbis and pipe-fitters, teachers and firemen.

More than 40 percent of the class will receive some scholarship assistance.

## Nursing School Welcomes Incoming Class of 93

A first year class of 93 students from 17 states and Canada is enrolled in the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University.

Elizabeth S. Gill, Associate Dean, Nursing, said that 26 of the new students, all graduates of a four-year liberal arts college, are scheduled to complete their studies in 24 months. The others, who have completed at least two years at a liberal arts college, are enrolled in a 32 month program.

The young women come here from 57 different colleges and universities.

Eleven members of the class are daughters of nurses. Six list their father's profession as physician or surgeon, including Susan Prosser Byssche. Her father is Dr. Stanley M. Byssche, associate professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Four of the new students have mothers who are alumnae of our School of Nursing; three have sisters who are graduates.

Helen M. DeMontreux is the daughter of Teresa M. Becker DeMontreux, Class of 1936.

Susanne W. Hall is the

daughter of Marjorie Shutt Hall, Class of 1936.

Sarah Wilson Thomson is the daughter of Jane Wilson Thomson, Class of 1936. She also has two aunts who are graduates: Margaret Wilson Gleason '40 and Helen Gillis Wilson '35.

Gail TenBroeck Wilcox is the daughter of Christina Heroy Wilcox, Class of 1938. Her cousin, James H. Heroy, III, is a member of the Class of 1968 at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Alice Loretta Bence is the sister of Rachel Bence Connell '60; Helen Elizabeth Krantz is the sister of Margaret Krantz Pimpinella, '60 and Ruth McElroy is the sister of Barbara McElroy '65.

Patricia Kathleen Rogers has six relatives who graduated from either our School of Nursing or the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Her grandmother, Ruth Nethercut Rogers was graduated from the nursing school in 1914 and her grandfather, Dr. Rupert Rogers was graduated from P&S. Aunts and uncles: Dr. Charles Brackett, Jr., P&S 1944 and Donna Rogers Brackett, '44; Dr. John T. Sharp, P&S 1947 and Marjorie Glinn Sharp, '47.

## DOS Enrolls 33 New Students

An all-male freshman class of 33 students has commenced studies at Columbia's School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

The new dental students come here from eight different states. They hold undergraduate degrees from 24 colleges.

Three members of the class

are sons of physicians, six are sons of dentists. Included in the latter group is David J. Zegarelli, son of Dr. Edward V. Zegarelli, Robinson Professor of Stomatology at the dental school and Attending Dental Surgeon at Presbyterian Hospital.



DAD SHOWS HIM HOW

Dr. E. V. Zegarelli checks a patient under watchful eye of son David, right.



First year students on arrival at Nursing School.



# ...At The Elementary Level, Too



Youngsters Are Pupils at PS-401X, The Public School Room at Babies Hospital

## Chiraphan, The Brave

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studies on the baby followed and soon his parents were informed their first-born had a congenital heart abnormality.

The little boy's defect, literally a combination of four cardiac defects, is known as Tetralogy of Fallot. It has been estimated that one of every 8,500 babies is born with this abnormality.

Tetralogy of Fallot results in an oxygen deficiency in the blood being circulated. This in turn produces in the victim a blue or purple skin tone, particularly at the extremities, and an inability to tolerate physical activity.

Children suffering from this heart abnormality are severely handicapped. Without surgical aid, they lead a restricted life and their life expectancy is greatly shortened.

In Chiraphan's case, his outward symptoms were the characteristic blue lips, toes and finger tips. A short run or a walk up a few steps would leave the boy squatting, gasping for breath.

Chiraphan's sister Chiraya, with the impatience typical of a five year old, once exclaimed to her brother: "Oh Peden (his nickname), playing with you is no fun. You can't run!"

The Kanasutas are a well educated couple with a cosmopolitan outlook. Chiraphol Kanasuta is in the import business, bringing into Thailand a number of American products, including refrigerators, air conditioners and gas stoves. His wife, Kalaya, was educated at a college in Australia and is an employee of the New Zealand Embassy in Bangkok.

They were aware that their son's heart defect is one which is correctable today through open heart surgery.

Over a year ago, a Bangkok doctor wrote concerning the sick boy to Mrs. Vinita Buivan, a native of Thailand who lives in New York. Her husband is with the United Nations.

Mrs. Buivan once worked for the American Heart Association. From that organization she acquired names of doctors who specialize in cardiac surgery, particularly the surgical correction of Tetralogy of Fallot. On the small list was the name of Dr. James R. Malm, director of the Open Heart Surgery Program at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

In the meantime, Mrs. Kanasuta had consulted another doctor in Bangkok.

"This doctor is a pediatrician, a young man very interested in cardiac problems," said Mrs. Kanasuta. "He reads medical literature from all over the world. He advised me that I should contact Dr. James Malm in New York City and tell him about Chiraphan's problem. I was very pleased when I found Dr. Malm's name on the list Mrs. Buivan sent back from America.

"I was also glad to learn that Dr. Sidney Blumenthal works

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## Miss Cora Shaw Retires

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system there, when she decided to come to New York City and train for a new career, nursing. The Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing was her choice and she became a member of the Class of 1931.

After graduation she served in Harkness for two years and

then went over to the Eye Institute when it opened in 1933. In 1937 she became an instructor in eye nursing for a five year period. This same year she also received the B.S. degree in Nursing Administration from Teachers College.

Then she went to the main nursing office for a short span but returned to the Institute in 1946 to assume the post from which she is now retiring.

### DRAMATIC CHANGES

The changes that have taken place during her tenure are dramatic, she says. The Institute has grown from an 86 bed unit to one with 104 beds and a recovery room for 10 patients. The nursing staff has increased to a total of 50 nurses, practical nurses and aides. A great increase in detached retina repair and tumor surgery has occurred. Shorter stays, earlier ambulation and new surgical procedures have altered the nursing emphasis.

Miss Shaw expects to continue residing in this area. She hopes to spend some time traveling and then to increase her efforts in behalf of the Nurses Alumnae Association,

floor of the Eye Institute in 1963.

She will take over in her new post on November 1 after a vacation trip to Spain where she will visit with relatives in Madrid and take an extended tour of the Iberian Peninsula.

### Her Successor



"Molly" Lyon

Mary Jean (Molly) Lyon has been appointed Assistant Director of Nursing Service in charge at the Eye Institute.

A native of Harrisburg, Pa. she followed a family tradition—two aunts and a great aunt were graduated from Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing—and came to train here in 1960 after receiving a B.A. in English Literature at the University of Colorado.

After graduation in 1962 she worked on the night shift in Vanderbilt Clinic, then became head nurse on the 3rd

## Symposium On Parkinsonism Is Nov. 29-30

The Parkinson's Disease Information and Research Center will conduct its second annual symposium on November 29 and 30 at the Alumni Auditorium of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The subject of the symposium will be "The Biochemistry and Pharmacology of the Basal Ganglia." Research scientists of international renown will be among the participants. The program is co-sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

where she is chairman of the distributing fund committee, and is also working on the 75th anniversary program.

She is a member of the board of directors and chairman of the advisory committee of Nurses' House, Inc., an organization supported by nurses to give assistance to needy members of their profession.

### FAREWELL TEA

She has served on the Nursing Advisory Committee of the National Association for the Prevention of Blindness and has written articles on eye nursing for their publications and for the American Journal of Nursing.

A farewell tea will be given in Miss Shaw's honor in room 1-50, October 19, 4-6 p.m.



# Orthopaedic Hospital

## Ballet Benefit

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are now on sale, according to Mrs. William L. Hutton and Mrs. Edward H. Gerry, co-chairmen for the event. They will range in price from \$30 to \$50 or whatever more the purchaser may wish to give as a donation. A Souvenir Program for the benefit is being published by the auxiliary ladies who are selling ad space to help reach their quota.

### HOPE FOR \$25,000

It is expected that \$25,000 will be raised through this benefit and the money will be given to the Centennial Fund toward its goal of \$150,000.

At a recent meeting of the Benefit Committee at Mrs. Hutton's home, Dr. C. R. Wise showed plans of the Orthopaedic Hospital's centennial project—a classroom and conference room on the fifth floor of Presbyterian Hospital for the use of the Orthopedic service. This installation will cost \$75,000. A Loan Fund for House Staff will be established with the residual moneys.



MRS. WILLIAM L. HUTTON  
Benefit Co-Chairman

## Anniversary

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DR. F. E. STINCHEFIELD  
Director, N. Y. Orthopaedic Hospital

Centennial Year Committee is Dr. Robert E. Carroll. Alumni chairman is Dr. Edward Wheeler; publicity, Dr. Charles T. Ryder; program, Dr. Theodore R. Waugh; publications, Dr. David L. Andrews; dinner, Dr. Alexander Garcia; souvenirs, Dr. S. Ashby Grantham; exhibits, Dr. James N. Worcester.

## Window Contest Planners to Meet

The Medical Center Christmas Window Painting Contest will begin December 13, it has been announced by Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, chairman of the Art Committee.

The first meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 13 at 4 p.m. in the Babies Hospital Board Room. All members are urged to attend to draw up plans for the 1965 contest.

## Women's Gifts Enabled Seizure Clinic Patients to Enjoy Summer at Camp

As has been the custom for a number of years, young patients of the Medical Center's Seizure Clinic spent a part of their summer at a special camp. Under the supervision of one counselor for each two youngsters, they enjoyed a full schedule of activities. The camp program for children with epilepsy was initiated by the Women's Auxiliary of the Neurological Institute, which continues a financial interest. In recent years the program has been expanded through the generosity of the Big E, an organization of some 200 Brooklyn women who raise money to help children with epilepsy. This past summer Big E contributed \$12,400 to the Seizure Clinic's summer camp program.



## Oct. Lectures At Delafield Are Announced

Dr. Byron H. Waksman of Yale University Medical School will deliver the Delafield Saturday Morning Lecture October 9 on the topic "The Relation of the Thymus to Immunologic Function."

The lectures, which begin at 10 a.m., are held in the auditorium of Delafield Hospital, Fort Washington Avenue at 164th Street.

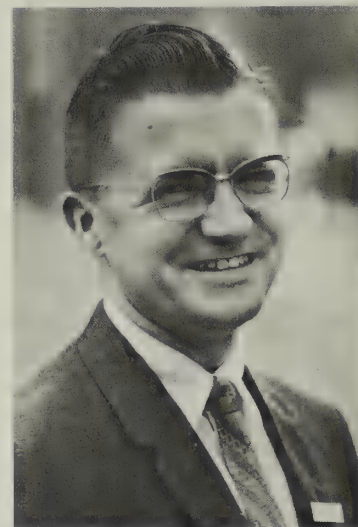
Other lectures scheduled for October:

Oct. 16: Herman N. Eisen, M.D., Washington University, "Functional Heterogeneity of Purified gamma-G Antibodies."

Oct. 23: Prof. Alex Haddow, F.R.S., Chester Beatty Research Institute, "The Heterogeneity of Carcinogens and Questions of Mechanism."

Oct. 30: Allan F. Howatson, Ph. D., University of Toronto, "Viruses and Leukemia."

## Visiting Chaplain Here Will Return To Egypt



Chaplain Gerhardt

A missionary for the Presbyterian Board of Missions, he had been teaching English and Greek to students at Assiut College, Egypt, for the past 5 years. This is his sabbatical year, during which he is training in preparation for his new assignment as chaplain at the Assiut-American Mission Hospital next year.

Chaplain Gerhardt's home is in Delanson, N. Y. He is living at Bard Hall during this assignment.

Chaplain Randall C. Mason, who was an associate in the Chaplain's Department here from 1959-64, has been appointed director of the pastoral Counseling Service of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

Mr. Mason worked with Dr. Graham Clark at the Eye Institute during his stay here. He then went to Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. and was awarded the Ph.D. degree in clinical psychology in June.

The Chaplain's Department welcomed Assistant Chaplain Daniel B. Gerhardt in August. The Rev. Mr. Gerhardt is here for in-service training in chaplaincy duties and will remain at the Hospital until Christmas.

## Chiraphan, The Brave

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with Dr. Malm at the Medical Center. He lectured at our medical school in Bangkok last year."

(Dr. Blumenthal, Director of Pediatric Cardiology here, was away from the Medical Center for six months in 1964, most of which time he was visiting professor in his specialty at National Taiwan University. He also lectured at medical schools in Bangkok, Manila, Kyoto and Hong Kong.)

After many letters travelled between New York and Bangkok, all the arrangements were made for Chiraphan's surgery. Visas for Mrs. Kanasuta and her son were quickly obtained from the American Embassy. Some 30 hours later, after a 10,176 mile flight, they were in New York.

That was late in May and the boy's operation was scheduled for soon after. However, exposed to a cooler, damper climate, he came down with an infection, so that his surgery was not performed until August 6.

"That was Peden's seventh birthday," said Mrs. Kanasuta. "His grandparents in Thailand had misgivings about the operation being performed on that date. They thought it was an ill omen."

"However, this was not so. Peden was so improved after surgery that he is now like a new boy. For him, his seventh birthday was a rebirth."

Little Chiraphan, "The Brave One," lived up to his name here in America. He expressed no fear and his constant comment to his mother was, "The doctors are going to make me well."

His mother and father (he flew here to be with his wife and son at the time of the surgery) were very impressed that right after the operation Chiraphan's skin had lost its bluish appearance. The youngster himself was most pleased with his new energy and endurance.

Recently he dashed up six flights of stairs, leaving his mother panting in distant pursuit. From the top he announced proudly, "I don't get tired any more. Wait until my sister sees how I can run now!"

Said Mrs. Kanasuta: "My husband and I want everyone to know how grateful we are to the team of doctors and nurses and all others at the Medical Center for giving us a healthy son."

## Gibson Lecture Is December 9

Dr. Michael Heidelberg will deliver the XV Gibson Lecture at 5 p.m. December 9 in the Alumni Auditorium, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Heidelberg, Adjunct Professor of Pathology at the New York University School of Medicine and formerly of P&S, will speak on "The Development of Quantitative Immunochemical Methods and Some of the Consequences of Their Introduction."

Following the lecture, a reception will be held in Harkness Hall from 6 to 7:30.





DR. SILVERMAN

## Dr. W. A. Silverman To Lecture Before Anesthesiologists

Dr. William A. Silverman, director of the Neonatal Special Care Nursery, Babies Hospital, will deliver the October 7 lecture in the Department of Anesthesiology's Thursday Night Lecture Series.

Dr. Silverman, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, will speak on "Temperature Regulation in the Newborn Infant." All lectures in the series begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Babies Hospital Amphitheatre.

Other lecturers during October:

Oct. 14—Dr. Reinhold Benesch, "Structure and Function of Hemoglobin."

Oct. 21—Dr. Otto Mayrhofer, "Significance of Respiratory Acidosis in Pulmonary Embolism."

Oct. 28—Dr. Stuart F. Sullivan, Assistant Attending Anesthesiologist and Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, "Lung Function and Cardiac Surgery."

## Fashion Show Set For P. H. Auxiliary Benefit Luncheon

"Guess Which Year," a retrospective showing of fashion designs by Vera Maxwell, will be the highlight of this year's benefit of the Women's Auxiliary of The Presbyterian Hospital, according to Mrs. Howard Bruenn, chairman. The buffet luncheon and fashion show will be held in the Cosmopolitan Club on October 26 at 12 noon.

To obtain tickets to the showing, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. thrift worth \$25 may be sent to Stuyvesant Thrift Shop, 1406 Third Ave.

## Profile: Dr. Robert P. Colton, Neurosurgery

# From Medieval History to Brain Surgery

"From the moment I was introduced to the study of the human brain in medical school, I knew what I wanted to do."

With those few well chosen words, Presbyterian Hospital's chief resident in neurosurgery Dr. Robert P. Colton explained what had motivated him in choosing his dramatic and exacting specialty.

After some thought, the 30-year-old Manhattan native added: "Apart from the challenge of delicate manipulation of the most vital structures of the human being, any single facet of the beautifully constructed and intricately patterned brain of man can command a lifetime of study."

For one who feels so strongly about his chosen profession, Dr. Colton got off to a rather unusual educational beginning.

During his undergraduate years at University of Michigan he majored, not in pre-med courses, but in Medieval European history. He did very well at it too. He completed the normal four-year program in three years, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and graduated cum laude.

"Then I applied and was accepted at Harvard as a graduate student in history," he said. "But during the summer I changed my mind."

He had decided to become a doctor.

Instead of Harvard, it was back to the University of Michigan for a year of pre-med courses. He breezed through the program with straight A's and entered New York University College of Medicine. There

he received his M.D. degree in 1960.

He came to the Medical Center in July 1960 as an intern in surgery at Presbyterian Hospital and has been here ever since. After the year's internship, he did research for six months at Psychiatric Institute on a neurophysiological project, then was a resident in general surgery before beginning his residency in neurosurgery in January, 1963.

Chief resident since July 1 of this year, Dr. Colton has numerous duties that range

from maintaining a work schedule for other residents to performing delicate brain surgery.

Part of the responsibility for teaching the other residents in neurosurgery is his, whether teaching in conferences, at the bedside, or helping a less experienced resident plan the approach to a surgical case.

Although he is officially on duty every third night, long surgical cases or problems that arise with his own or other patients often keep him

in the hospital long after his scheduled departure. At home his telephone may ring at any hour, if one of the other residents encounters a difficult problem in the care of a patient.

He is in charge of the ward service, under the supervision of the attending staff. Surgery that needs to be done on ward patients is performed either by Dr. Colton or assigned by him to another experienced resident.

"Surgery is the most exciting part of my job," he said. With general surgery and almost three years of neurosurgery behind him, he is expected to have the technical skill and judgment required in performing the precise and complicated operative procedures in the brain and spine.

He says that the most fascinating surgery he performs is on persons with intracranial aneurysms (ruptured blood vessels within the skull).

"Surgery in these cases consists of placing a metal clip around a tissue-thin blood vessel in the brain," he explained. "There is no room for error here and the smallest misstep can mean failure."

### A LAWYER'S SON

The son of a lawyer, Dr. Colton grew up on Manhattan's West Side within sight of the Medical Center. In his youth he enjoyed sailing and mountain climbing. ("Still do," he said, "but where, oh where is the time!") One summer he toured Europe on a bicycle.

He now makes his home in Fairview, N. J., with his wife, the former Susan Seccombe of Buffalo, and their two young children, Deborah and Joshua. He relaxes by listening to classical records played on a stereo he built himself.

He recently spent two weeks at an Air Force Base on Long Island. Such annual vacations are among the fringe benefits he enjoys as a captain in the Air Force Reserve.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This profile of Dr. Robert P. Colton is the last in a series of 16 articles on chief residents serving Presbyterian Hospital. The purpose of the series, which began in the October 1963 issue of *Stethoscope*, was to introduce our readers to the dedicated and capable doctors who fulfill the great responsibilities that fall to chief residents of the various services. Interviewing these outstanding young specialists has been an education for us. We have gained from the experience a deep and lasting respect for the men and women who earn the right to the title of chief resident.



Dr. Colton checks eye reflexes of a young neurosurgery patient

## The Goal Is \$3 Million In '65 UHF Campaign

The 1965 United Hospital Fund opened its 86th annual campaign at a dinner on September 29 at the Hotel Plaza. This year's goal is \$3,000,000 to be distributed among the Fund's 78 member hospitals for use in the wards, clinics and emergency rooms. The campaign will run until the end of February.

Presbyterian Hospital raised

nue, New York—plainly marked for Presbyterian Hospital. Arrangements may be made by residents of Manhattan and New Jersey to have thrift picked up by telephoning SW 5-3638.

Donors of thrift may purchase tickets for the luncheon from Mrs. Bruenn, or from members of the Presbyterian Auxiliary.

\$215,859 last year, of which the direct benefit to us was \$77,539. This year's direct benefit quota is \$119,960. This means that all money raised above this sum will revert directly to our hospital, and will not go into the general distribution.

Solicitations for the drive are made by the Men's Team, composed of Trustees under the leadership of James W. Foley and the Joint Professional Team, headed by Dr. Frederic Herter, and a Women's Team composed of auxiliary members from our hospital units.

Chairmen for the auxiliaries are: Mrs. C. Redington Barrett and Mrs. Ralph H. Boots for Presbyterian; Mrs. Charles E. Adams and Mrs. H. McLeod Riggins for Neurological; Mrs. Robert E. Carroll, Mrs. Robert M. Day and

### BEN WOULDN'T LAST 10 MINUTES AT NEURO!

"I doubt that Ben Casey would last 10 minutes at the Neurological Institute."

Dr. Colton was speaking of his fictional counterpart, TV's idea of a chief resident in neurosurgery.

"Ben's hot-headed, opinionated, sullen temperament is fun to watch for an hour a week. But can you imagine facing it every morning at 7 o'clock!"

Mrs. Caleb C. Whitaker for New York Orthopaedic and Mrs. Robert H. Burrows and Mrs. J. Taylor Howell for Babies Hospital.

For 1964 Presbyterian Hospital received a total of \$376,431 from the Greater New York and the United Hospital Funds.



# Rh Disease Study Goes Well Here

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did not receive gamma globulin, six have antibody in their blood at six months.

"Data already in from our studies and from similar studies in England, as well as Long Beach, Cal., are most impressive and statistically meaningful," the researchers said.

"The significance is clear: at the six month level after delivery, none of the treated mothers in these trials shows antibody. This means that the gamma globulin has provided a very marked suppression of the expected immune response of these Rh negative mothers to the antigenic stimulus supplied by their Rh positive babies.

"However, we must wait until enough of these mothers have gone safely through a second Rh positive pregnancy, which is a much more acute biological test of success than the absence of antibody at six months."

Drs. Freda and Gorman stressed however, that regardless of the success of this treatment in preventing formation of antibodies in unimmunized mothers following delivery, it will not help women who have already developed antibodies against Rh positive blood.

The possibility of protecting Rh negative mothers by injecting antibody (thus suppressing their own production of antibody) after delivery of an Rh positive baby occurred independently in 1960 to Drs. Ronald Finn and Cyril Clarke in England and Drs. Freda and Gorman in the United States.

Dr. Freda is assistant attending obstetrician and gynecologist at Presbyterian Hospital and assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr.



Drs. Vincent J. Freda, seated, and John G. Gorman

Gorman is director of the Hospital's Blood Bank and an associate in Pathology.

When Drs. Freda and Gorman sought a safe and potent Rh antibody preparation that could be administered by a single small intramuscular injection, they enlisted the help of the Ortho Research Foundation in Raritan, N. J.

Dr. William Pollack, chief research scientist at Ortho, is the man who came to their aid and has been working with them ever since on the Rh disease project.

For a year, the researchers were also assisted by Dr. John Robertson from the department of obstetrics and gynaecology, University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He was here as visiting Wellcome Trust Fellow.

Before the first mother received an injection of gamma globulin at the Medical Center's Erythroblastosis Clinic in April 1964, the preparation had been tested for safety and efficiency for more than two years on Rh negative volunteers at Sing Sing.

Among the prisoners, the research has progressed this far:

Eighteen Rh negative men show no antibodies after receiving intensive schedules of Rh positive blood injections, covered by injections of gamma globulin. Twelve of 18 subjects not protected by gamma globulin became immune in the same injection schedule.

Nine of the 18 protected men were then given a third stimulus of Rh positive blood—but no additional gamma globulin. Six months after this experiment, not one of the nine shows any trace of antibody.

Commenting on the significance of this last experiment, Dr. Gorman said:

"The test injection given to these men, with no gamma globulin protection, is very analogous to a second Rh positive pregnancy in the women in the clinic who presently show no antibody at the six month level.

"The men passed this critical test safely and we are very hopeful that our mothers now unimmunized at the six month level will, in a like manner, also safely undergo the test of a second Rh positive pregnancy."

## Psychoanalytic Clinic to Celebrate Anniversary With Program Oct. 30

An all day scientific session has been planned for October 30 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to mark the 20th anniversary of the Psychoanalytic Clinic for Training and Research.

The program will open at 9:15 a.m. with greetings and comments from Dr. George S. Goldman, clinic director; Dr.

H. Houston Merritt, Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Dr. William A. Horwitz, Professor of Clinical Psychiatry.

### EX-DIRECTORS TO SPEAK

The morning session will be chaired by Dr. Henriette R. Klein, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry. Dr. H. Lee Hall,

Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, is chairman of the afternoon session, which begins at 2 o'clock.

Former directors of the Psychoanalytic Clinic will speak briefly during the luncheon, which begins at 12:30. They are Drs. Sandor Rado, Abram Kardiner and George E. Daniels.

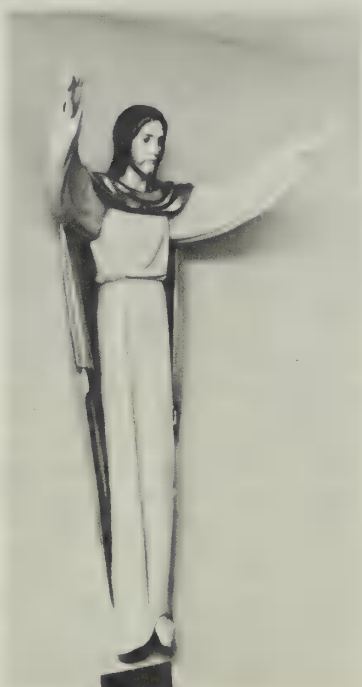
The anniversary program will conclude with a cocktail party from 4:30 to 6.

## Statue In Chapel Honors Memory Of Anne Healy

A statue of Christ, given to the chapel in memory of Anne Healy, was dedicated on September 14. Preceding the blessing of the statue, a brief service was held in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel during which a eulogy was delivered by Rev. Guy S. Vinci.

The Italian wood-carving hangs on the second floor of the Chaplain's Department outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. It was donated by friends and associates of Miss Healy.

The former chief dietitian at Presbyterian Hospital came uptown to the Medical Center with the Sloane Hospital in 1928. She died on February 12.



## Doris Duke Gift Is For Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

A \$100,000 gift has been presented by Doris Duke to the Babies Hospital \$5,000,000 campaign for renovation and development.

The money has been designated for a pediatric intensive care unit. The new facility will take the place of a makeshift four-bed unit now located on the fourth floor.

Miss Duke is a member of The Board of Women Managers of Babies Hospital.

Her gift increases total contributions to the Babies Campaign to almost \$2,130,000.00.

## Public Health Surveying Manhattan Residents

Some 5,000 persons, about one of every 50 residents of the Washington Heights Health District, are being interviewed in a survey on use of community health services and facilities.

The study is being conducted by the research unit of Columbia's School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine, located here at the Medical Center.

Seventy trained interviewers are asking questions pertaining to family health and medical care during the past 12 months. They also seek information from interviewees about the kinds of health conditions they have encountered, what health facilities or services they have used in connection with them, and expenses they have incurred as a result.

A section of each interview is devoted to gathering data on health problems of mother and children. Another part deals with special health symptoms.

The survey area extends from 134th Street north to 225th Street and runs from the Hudson River east to St. Nicholas and Bradhurst Avenues and the Harlem River. Because of the unique ethnic composition of the area, interviewers are prepared to conduct interviews in 19 languages.

Financial support for the study is being provided by the Health Research Council of the City of New York, the Division of Community Health Services of U. S. Public Health Service and the Children's Bureau of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

### OUR MEDICAL CENTER PEOPLE CERTAINLY GET AROUND



With her sister-in-law on a bridge over one of Venice's famed canals is Mrs. Rosette Frommer, secretary to Dr. M. M. Melicow, Department of Urology. She vacationed this summer in Italy and Spain.





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Young cystic fibrosis patient watches in fascination as data on herself, her illness and treatment are entered directly onto punch cards.

## Computers Speed Completion Of Cystic Fibrosis Cost-Study

Treatment and care of an average cystic fibrosis patient costs over \$2,000 a year, with two-thirds that total being spent on drugs and vitamins, the remainder on special equipment and hospital care.

Even when the family of a CF patient has a regular breadwinner, one in four such families is in debt because of the high costs of the disease. Under current methods of treatment and care, half of all CF patients may survive into adolescence and some into their late 20's and older.

These findings come from a recently completed three year study of 265 patients in the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Other data accumulated are being processed at the Columbia University Computer Center.

The survey has been sponsored by the Presbyterian Hospital and the New York State Department of Health, which awarded the hospital \$180,000 to help finance the

investigation and the care of CF patients in the study.

From the study the State will have an idea of what it costs to provide care and treatment for CF patients.

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## Advisory Committee Helps Nurses Plan 75th Anniversary

Plans for the School of Nursing's 75th Anniversary Celebration continue to progress smoothly, according to Cecile Covell '26, general chairman.

The four-day observance of the milestone in the School's history is scheduled for June 4-7, 1967.

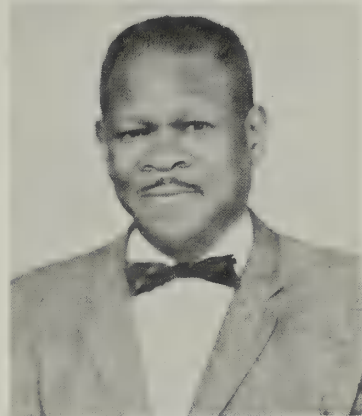
One important recent accomplishment was the appointment of regional chairmen, graduates of the school living throughout the United States and most of the world, who will work in their local areas

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## Gifts to Development Campaign During October Total \$2,700,000

The Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Program during October received four major contributions totaling \$2,700,000, according to General Lucius D. Clay, Chairman of the Development Committee.

### His Career Proves Hard Work Is Still Secret Of Success



Walton Trotman

"All my life I've believed that education, acceptance of responsibility and hard work are the secrets of getting ahead in this world. And this is true whether you're Negro or white."

The words, spoken firmly, were expressed by Walton Trotman during an interview last week in the Public Interest Office.

They reveal a philosophy which guided Mr. Trotman throughout his long career at the Medical Center, beginning in July 1929 when he came here as an oiler in the old ice plant, concluding recently when he retired as senior watch engineer.

"Walton Trotman is one of the best men who has ever worked at this Medical Center," said his boss, John Bolger, chief engineer of Presbyterian Hospital. "He's been a tireless worker, a true diplomat and a wonderful teacher of the men who have worked under him."

As senior watch engineer for 20 years, Mr. Trotman was responsible, while on duty,

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Since the Medical Center began its campaign in 1960 to seek funds for new construction, renovation and endowment, more than \$49,000,000 has been raised, General Clay said.

The recent gifts and their designated uses are:

\$1,250,000 from the Irene Heinz Given and John La Porte Given Foundation, Inc., for the establishment at the Medical Center of teaching fellowships in Pediatric Urology.

\$1,000,000 from an anonymous donor to be applied towards the cost of the renovation of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

\$250,000 from the Booth Ferris Foundation to be applied towards the cost of construction of the new Radiotherapy Center.

\$200,000 from the Avalon Foundation to Babies Hospital "for the purpose of aiding in new construction and the renovation of existing patient care facilities."

### Given Fund for Pediatric Urology

The Given Foundation gift will establish an endowment fund to be known as the "Given Fund for Research and Teaching in Pediatric Urology" in the Squier Urological Clinic and Babies Hospital.

The money will create Given Fellowships for the training of investigators and teachers in the special techniques recently developed in the field of Pediatric Urology. It is believed that this is the first such fellowship program in the specialty.

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## Basal Ganglia Is The Subject Of 2nd Parkinsonism Symposium

Biochemistry and Pharmacology of the Basal Ganglia will be the subject of the second annual symposium of the Parkinson's Disease Information and Research Center to be held in the Alumni Auditorium November 29 and 30.

The program will cover in depth the cyto-chemical architecture of the basal ganglia and their role in neurological disease and the mechanism of action of cholinergic and adrenergic agents in the brain, according to Dr. Melvin D. Yahr, co-director of the Center. The basal ganglia are deep-seated nuclear masses in the brain which, when diseased, produce movement disorders, including Parkinson's, chorea, and dystonia, he explained.

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Dr. Melvin D. Yahr



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## STETHOSCOPIA

### ● THEY SAID "I DO"

Susan Moore, R.N. in the Cardiac Monitoring Unit, and Joseph Bray, son of Mrs. Kathleen Bray, Nursing Department, married recently. Mr. Bray was formerly with Protective.

Ronald A. Reynolds, son of Albert Reynolds, Maintenance and Construction, married Miss Barbara Faller, R.N., recently.

Anne Bugler, Record Department, wed Gary Maxwell last month.

Other newlyweds are Catherine Heckler, R.N., Head Nurse, Group Clinic, V.C. 2, and Michael Romain, 4th year medical student.

### ● HAPPY COUPLES

Doreen Elizabeth Mulreany, R.N. will become the bride of Mr. John Justus Harris, 4th year medical student at P&S. A June wedding is planned. Miss Mulreany, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Mulreany of Westfield, N. J., is a graduate of Columbia-Presbyterian School of Nursing. Her father is legal counsel to the Hospital.

Faye Groton, R.N., staff nurse on Neuro 9th floor, will wed Captain Ferdinand Collins, U.S.A. on December 18. Capt. Collins is assistant professor of Military Science at Middlebury College in Vermont.

Pamela Elizabeth Lucey, student in the School of Nursing, is engaged to Mr. David J. Driscoll. He is employed by General Foods Corporation in White Plains.

### ● HELLOS AND GOODBYES

Judy Carter is a new member of the Occupational Therapy Department. She comes to us from the University of Pennsylvania where she received her training and registration.

Anita Diaz has recently joined the staff of Public Interest.

Mrs. Jean Bissett is now in Purchasing. Mrs. Janet Paulovich has left Purchasing to await the stork's arrival.

### ● LUCKY VACATIONERS

Mrs. Estelle Durand, secretary in Maintenance and Construction, is cruising in the Caribbean. She and Mr. Durand sailed last week.

Mrs. Eleanor Shelly, director of Occupational Therapy, is visiting friends and relatives in St. Petersburg, Fla. She also attended the American Occupational Therapy Association Conference in Miami.

Anna Leer, at Mary Harkness, is visiting Holland and Spain.

Kenneth Keller, in Maintenance at Mary Harkness, is vacationing in Canada.

Leo Guzzo, in the Food Department at MHU, has returned from a trip to Florida, where he recuperated from his recent illness.

Margaret Wells, Administrative Assistant in Nursing, is touring in Spain.

### ● CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Eugene Cleary, Administrative Assistant in Building and Grounds, on the death of his father; to James A. Sheridan, Protective, on the loss of his brother; to Vilma Jantos, secretary in Neuro, on the death of her mother and to Mrs. Catherine Finnerty, on the death of her husband.

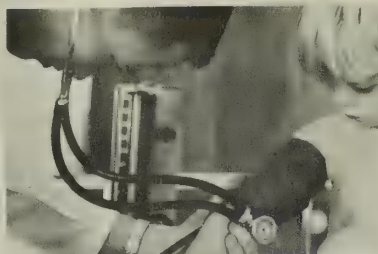
### ● NOTES OF INTEREST

Mrs. Doris Lagergren, Recreational therapist in Orthopedics, is written up in the 1966 edition of Who's Who of American Women. This is a biographical reference book devoted to women and their achievement in all fields.

Mrs. Lagergren is recognized for her handicraft and social program for orthopedic patients. Her program is under the sponsorship of the Women's Auxiliary of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital.

She came to the Medical Center as a Volunteer in 1958 and in 1959 was appointed to her present post.

Miss Elizabeth Gill, Dean of Nursing, is again listed in Who's Who. She is recognized for her contribution to nursing education.



## DOINGS OF DOCTORS



DR. CARL T. NELSON, Director of Dermatology, as President of the American Academy of Dermatology, will preside at its annual meeting in Chicago, December 4-9. At this meeting DR. DONALD G. MCKAY, Director of Pathology, will deliver the Stephen Rothman Memorial Lecture.



DR. MCKAY

Medical Center staff participating in the 18th Annual Post-graduate Course on "Recent Advances in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases of the Heart and Lungs" at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel, New York City, November 15-20 are: DRS. ALVAN L. BARACH, Consultant in Medicine; HYLAN A. BICKERMAN, Assistant Physician; J. MAXWELL CHAMBERLAIN, Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery; ROBERT H. WYLIE, Attending Surgeon; DANIEL C. BAKER, JR., Director of Otolaryngology; JAMES R. MALM, Associate Attending Surgeon; GERARD M. TURINO, Assistant Attending Physician; JULIA M. JONES, Associate Professor of Medicine; BRIAN F. HOFFMAN, Director of Pharmacology; ROBERTA M. GOLDRING, Assistant Physician; GUSTAV J. BECK, Assistant Physician; ANDRE Cournand, Special Lecturer in Medicine, and SIDNEY BLUMENTHAL, Attending Pediatrician.

The sessions are under the sponsorship of the Council on Post-graduate Medical Education of the American College of Chest Physicians.

DR. L. STANLEY JAMES, Assistant Attending Pediatrician, was panelist on "Exciting Developments in Pediatrics" at the meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics in Chicago last week. At this meeting Dr. James received the E. Mead Johnson Award for 1965. Also participating were DR. JOHN C. SINCLAIR, Visiting Fellow in Pediatrics, who presented "Anesthetic Intoxication of the Fetus as a Complication of Maternal Caudal Anesthesia" and DR. JOHN K. LATTIMER, Director of Urology, chairman of the Committee on Urology at the Scientific Sessions.

Scientific Exhibits presented at the recent meeting of the American Roentgen Ray Society in Washington, D. C. by DR. DAVID H. BAKER, Associate Attending Radiologist, and DR. WALTER E. BERDON, Assistant Radiologist, received the Award of Merit.

DR. KARLIS ADAMSONS, JR., Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, presented a paper on "Production of fetal anemia in the rhesus monkey" at the Annual Congress of the American College of



DR. BAKER

Surgeons in Atlantic City last week and was a panelist on "Changing aspects of the Rhesus problem." Recently Dr. Adamsons served as visiting professor at the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, lectured at Baylor University in Houston, participated in the International Symposium on the Recognition and Treatment of Neonatal Hypoxia in Bethesda, Md., and presented a paper in Niagara Falls before the Interdisciplinary Conference of the National Institute of Health on Developmental Pharmacology.

DR. JOHN J. SCIARRA, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, presented "Immunohistochemical localization of protein hormones in the human placenta" at the Sixth Pan American Congress of Endocrinology in Mexico City.

DRS. HUGO CHIOLDI, Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine, and JOHN DOWNEY, Assistant Physician, presented a paper at the International Congress of Physiological Sciences in Tokyo. Dr. Chiodi also presented a paper at the meeting of the American Physiological Society in Los Angeles.

DR. AARON STERN, Associate in Psychiatry, presented a paper at the symposium on Social Goals in Psychotherapy, sponsored by Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital through the Marquette University School of Medicine.

DR. EDWARD V. ZEGARELLI, Attending Dental Surgeon, participated in the Seventeenth Annual Scientific Assembly of the New York State Academy of General Practice. He lectured on "Stomatology: Mouth Diseases—Diagnosis and Management."

DR. HAROLD W. JACOX, Attending Radiologist, returned recently from a six month stay at the Myerstein Institute of Radiotherapy, Middlesex Hospital, London. While there he was appointed an Honorary Consultant to the hospital and a Visiting Fellow to the Medical School.

DR. RONALD L. KATZ, Assistant Attending Anesthesiologist, recently returned from a trip to the Far West and the Far East. In Los Angeles, he presented a paper on "The Physiology and Pharmacology of Extraocular Muscles" (co-author Kenneth E. Eakins, Dept. of Ophthalmology) at the meeting of the American Physiological Society, to which he was elected a member. In Tokyo, Dr. Katz presented a paper on "The Antiarrhythmic and Cardiovascular Effects of Oxytocin, Vasopressin and Their Analogues" to the 23rd International Congress of Physiological Sciences. He also spoke at the Queen Mary Hospital in Kowloon and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Hong Kong on "Neuromuscular Transmission and the Use of Muscle Relaxants."



DR. JACOX

## From The Mailbag

This is a fan letter. I was hospitalized recently in Harkness and the experience has made me prouder than ever to be associated with such a fine institution. Particularly gratifying was the attention, attitude and warmth of every single staff member—from pages,

through nurses' aides, nurses and doctors . . . from a member of the Visiting Staff.

Although I have worked in Harkness, I had never been a patient there until recently. I just had to express to you my appreciation of the privilege. The care I received from the

nurses, aides, maids, operating and recovery room staff was so exceptionally kind that I am even more appreciative of the fact that I once had the pleasure to be a part of your hospital employee team . . . from a former patient in Harkness Pavilion.



## 19 Employees In School With Weinberg Fund Aid

Nineteen employees of Presbyterian Hospital, assisted by grants from the Sidney J. Weinberg Employees Educational Aid Reimbursement Fund, are pursuing job-related studies during the Fall semester at 12 area schools and colleges.

Of the current Weinberg scholars, 15 are working toward degrees: one for a doctorate, two for masters, eight for bachelors and four for associate in arts.

Following is a list of the scholars and the schools they are attending:

George Burgess, lampman, Maintenance—New York Institute of Technology.

Michael Casali, pharmacist—Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, Long Island University.

Patricia Ann Cassman, laboratory technician, Hematology—The City College.

Susie Copeland, nursing aide, Nursing—Bronx Community College.

Natalie Denker, nursing aide, Nursing—Hunter College.

Jerome Heltzman, data processing manager—Rutgers University.

Frances Johnson, secretary, Pediatrics—Fordham University.

Kenneth Konstalid, console operator, I.B.M. Unit—New York City Community College.

Angel Luciano, laboratory technician, Chemistry—The City College.

George Lumley, assistant project director—Columbia University (School of Architecture).

Antionette Millsapp, x-ray technician, Radiology—The City College.

Patrick Moohan, storekeeper, Maintenance—New York Institute of Technology.

Raymond Peterson, key-punch operator, Data Processing Unit—Programming and Systems Institute.

Vincent Picarello, multilith operator, Print Shop—Bronx Community College.

Letty Pogul, psychometrist, Pediatric Psychiatry—Columbia University (Teachers College).

Ann Shockey, physical therapist—Columbia University (School of General Studies).

A. Julie Sutton, bookkeeper, Assistant Treasurer's Office—The Wood School.

Audric Thomas, attendant, Food Service—Programming and Systems Institute.

Re Gina Witzig, medical transcriber, Neuro radiology—Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The employee educational aid fund was established in 1962 by Sidney J. Weinberg, a trustee of Presbyterian Hospital. It exists to help hospital personnel improve their effectiveness on the job, prepare for greater responsibilities and enhance their opportunities for promotion.

## Nurses Schedule Benefit Card Party For Next Spring

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edward B. Self, the eighth annual Benefit Card Party will be held on April 20, 1966. Honorary Sponsors to the affair are Mrs. Van Alan Clark, Mrs. Houston Merritt and Miss Helen Young.

Serving with Mrs. Self as Vice-Chairmen are Mrs. Robert H. E. Elliott and Mrs. George C. Hennig. Recording Secretary is Mrs. Robert C. Mackenzie, and Corresponding Secretary is Mrs. Arthur Richardson. Treasurer is Mrs. J. Ward McLaughlin.

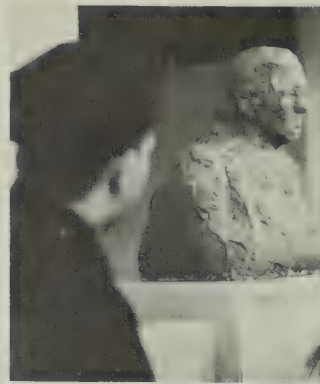
The Committee Heads are Mrs. Edwin B. Cox, Prize Chairman; Mrs. Frank E. Stinchfield, Sponsor Chairman; Miss Florence Vanderbilt, Hospitality Chairman; Miss Helen Anderson and Mrs. Rayner M. Hamilton, Publicity Chairmen, and Mrs. Alfred Steiner, Printing Chairman.

The Faculty of the nursing school is represented by the Misses Elizabeth S. Gill and Helen F. Pettit.

Assistance for as many as twenty students annually has been made possible throughout the past seven years.

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## New Look For Mr. Harkness

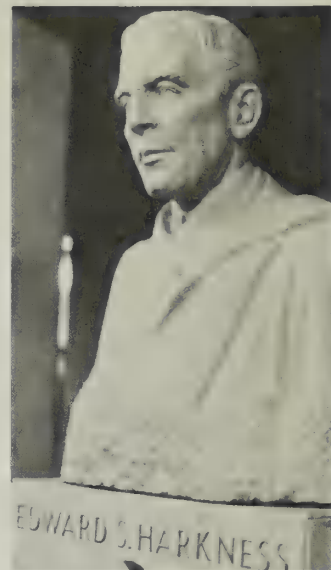


This protective officer wasn't alone in his amazement at seeing the distinguished features of Edward S. Harkness obscured by what looked like a mudpack.

Actually the bust of Mr. Harkness was being cleaned by oxalic acid contained in the clay-like substance seen covering it in the picture above, left. This work was a phase of a recently completed project, the cleaning and beautifying of all the marble surfaces in the lobby of Presbyterian Hospital.

When the workmen departed, they left the lobby sparkling like new. And the most striking change, perhaps, was evident in the finely sculptured features of the late Mr. Harkness.

Said one admiring secretary: "Such a facial I should be able to get!"



## Not 007, But Quite A Man!

# Bond Adventure Film Is Highlight Of 3rd Joint Alumni Reunion in April

A Bond adventure film will be the highlight of the combined session at the Third Joint Alumni Reunion, according to Dr. Herbert B. Wilcox, Jr., chairman of the event. The meetings will take place in the Alumni Auditorium April 28-30.

Not 007, but a namesake, Captain George F. Bond MC USN, is responsible for the movie, "Man in the Sea," which will be shown on Friday morning, April 29. It is a documentary of living and working at great depths underwater.

Navy Project SeaLab-II, which Captain Bond directs, recently had 10 men working together under the sea in a pressurized house for a 45 day period and brought them safely back to the surface with much valuable information accumulated during their stay.

Captain Bond will be present to speak about the novel undersea venture.

### SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

Scientific sessions for the individual societies will be scheduled during the three day meetings. There are 16 such organizations at the Medical Center. The joint session on the morning of April 29 will be followed by a luncheon at Bard Hall for all attending alumni.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

Social events include a dinner on April 29 at the Union Club for the PH Alumni and one that same evening at the Waldorf-Astoria to mark the 100th Anniversary of The New York Orthopaedic Hospital, which is celebrating its centennial during 1966. Culminating the session will be a dinner-dance on Saturday evening, April 30, given by the P&S Alumni at the Waldorf-Astoria.

### REUNION COMMITTEE

Committee for the Reunion includes: Dean H. Houston Merritt, A. J. Binkert, Drs. Frederick Eagle, Donald McKay, Wilcox and C. R. Wise. Mrs. Jeannette Smith in the Assistant Secretary's office is secretary for the meetings.



DR. HERBERT B. WILCOX  
Alumni Reunion Chairman

## Surgeons Install Dr. H. A. Patterson

Dr. Howard A. Patterson, clinical professor of surgery at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, was installed October 21 as president of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Patterson is Chief of Surgery at Roosevelt Hospital, New York City.



FRIEND JACK O. LANTERN COMES A'CALLING

These little patients in Babies Hospital had no chance to go a'venturing from door to door on the eeriest of nights. Still, they providently converted a huge pumpkin into a jack-o-lantern to scare away ghosts and goblins and things that go bump in the night. Just in case!



## Computers Speed Cystic Fibrosis Cost-Study

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This information is essential, since the State Legislature recently passed a law extending financial aid to families of children with costly, long term diseases, including cystic fibrosis.

The Cystic Fibrosis Cost-Study was initiated here in August 1962 under the direction of Dr. William A. Bauman, chief of the Pediatrics Clinic in Vanderbilt Clinic. Working in close cooperation with him in compilation of data was Dr. Carolyn Denning and her staff at the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic.

Dr. Bauman indicated that such a comprehensive study, which includes nearly 300 patients and extensive details on each, would have been virtually impossible without modern electronic data processing methods and equipment.

Information gathered from individual patients during interviews was simultaneously coded and transcribed directly onto punch cards. Most of this work was done by a single person, Miss Edna Gibson, now retired. She has been succeeded by Mrs. Frances Johnson.

Statistical by-products of the study, Dr. Bauman said, will include "analyses of history and physical findings, the results of various laboratory tests, as well as the types of complications and their relation to history, physical and lab findings."

### Some Statistics Are Already Available

Some significant statistics are already available.

The average CF patient in the study made between five and six clinic visits a year.

Patients in the study came from 228 families, 33 of which had two children affected, two of which had three.

Of the surviving patients in the study, 30% are 5 years old or younger; 36% are 6 through 11 years; 20% are 12 through 15, and 14% are 16 or older. The oldest patient is 27.

About 70 patients have been visiting the CF Clinic for 10 years or more. The longest period of treatment is 25 years.

During the 34 months covered by the study, patients in the study required 11,026 prescriptions and 2,933 lab tests.

Total cost incurred by CF Clinic patients during the 34 month study period, \$266,944.

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Dr. Carolyn Denning, left, head of the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic, confers with Dr. William A. Bauman, Chief of the Pediatrics Clinic, Vanderbilt Clinic. She worked closely with Dr. Bauman on current CF cost study.

## Medical Center A Leader In Cystic Fibrosis Field

The late Dr. Dorothy Andersen of Babies Hospital is generally credited with the first adequate identification of cystic fibrosis in 1938.

Before then, although the incidence of the disorder in the U. S. is believed to be one in 1,000 live births, patients with CF frequently died of bronchopneumonia or of malnutrition. The cause underlying these disturbances, however, went unrecognized.

Cystic fibrosis is a congenital disease of children and young adults. Its victims suffer from chronic respiratory infection. Besides the lungs, the pancreas, sweat glands and salivary glands are also affected.

The Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at the Medical Center, believed to be the oldest in this country, has treated hundreds of CF patients since its inception in 1942.

Another significant achievement in the field of cystic fibrosis came from the Medical Center in 1953 when it was reported by Drs. Paul di Sant'Agnese and Robert Darling that CF could be diagnosed accurately by a procedure now commonly called the sweat test, which measures salt excretion by the sweat glands.

Complete cure of cystic fibrosis is not possible at present, but symptoms can be eased or controlled by continuing treatment of the pulmonary infection, maintenance of good nutrition, restoration of abnormal salt losses and careful general care of the patient.

Meanwhile, intensive CF research goes on, holding out the hope that more effective treatment will result, even that the basic cause of the disease may be discovered.



The late Dr. Dorothy Andersen

## Parkinson's Disease Symposium

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World-renowned researchers from Europe, Asia and the U. S. will participate in the two-day meetings. Medical Center doctors on the program include: Drs. Erminio Costa from Pharmacology; Lucien Cote from Neurology; David Nachmansohn and Erwin Chargoff from Biochem-

istry; Dominick Purpura from Neurosurgery; Malcolm B. Carpenter from Anatomy; Elvin A. Kabat from Microbiology; and Virginia M. Tennyson and Philip E. Duffy from Pathology.

Introduction will be made by Dr. Yahr, general chairman for the event. Greetings will be extended by Dean H. Houston Merritt and Dr. Richard L. Masland, Director of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, Bethesda, Md. The Institute is co-sponsor of the symposium with the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

## Fishes, Beware! Mr. Spencer Has Time for Angling

"Little did I realize, as I watched a steam shovel digging deep into the ground on the Medical Center site decades ago, that I would spend almost 38 years working at the bottom of that hole."

The remark, delivered with a grin and a twinkling of the eye, came from Alfred D.

Spencer, evening fireman in the Engineering Department, who retired November 27.

What he meant in speaking of "working at the bottom of that hole" is that his job involves tending the Medical Center boilers, located three levels below the street.

Mr. Spencer, a native of London, England, began his Presbyterian Hospital employment in July 1928 as a steam-fitter's helper. He came here after working a year as a machinist's helper at the old College of Physicians and Surgeons, then located in downtown Manhattan on 59th Street.

He was away from his duties here for about six months during World War II, in military training with an infantry regiment in Texas. "I was almost 42 when I was drafted, so the Army wasn't interested in keeping me very long," he said.

In retirement, Mr. Spencer hopes to do some traveling. He is especially looking forward to a visit in the Spring to a number of his relatives still living in England.

He also plans to do a lot of fishing. It seems that Mr. Spencer is an avid angler, eager to test his tackle and skills on anything that swims in salt water or fresh.

He is especially proud of an 11½ pound fluke he hauled in last year from Great South Bay, off Captree State Park, Long Island. That fish won him a citation in a fishing contest sponsored by the Long Island State Park Commission. (See the accompanying photo.)



Alfred Spencer & His Prey

## Nurses 75th

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to enhance interest in the anniversary and help carry out planning to assure its success.

Miss Covell announced that a number of persons prominent at the Presbyterian Hospital and at Columbia University have consented to serve on an Advisory Committee and assist those who are working out details for the celebration.

Among these advisors are Mr. A. J. Binkert, Executive Vice President of Presbyterian Hospital, and Dr. H. Houston Merritt, Dean of Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Others who are serving on the Advisory Committee are: Thatcher M. Brown, Jr., Treasurer, Presbyterian Hospital;

Joseph D. Coffee, Jr., Assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs, Columbia University;

Mrs. Frederic F. deRham, Trustee, Presbyterian Hospital;

Wesley First, Director of University Relations;

William E. S. Griswold, Jr., Trustee, Presbyterian Hospital;

Dr. Robert F. Loeb, Consultant in Medicine and Professor Emeritus of Medicine; Robert H. Mulreany, Legal Advisor to Presbyterian Hospital;

Dr. Willard C. Rappleye, Dean Emeritus, Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons;

Stanley Salmen, Coordinator of University Planning;

Frederick Sturges, Jr., Honorary Trustee, Presbyterian Hospital.





Dr. Brian F. Hoffman

## Anesthesiologists to Hear Dr. Hoffman

Dr. Brian F. Hoffman, David Hosack Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, is scheduled to deliver the November 11 lecture in the Department of Anesthesiology's Thursday Night Lecture Series.

He will talk on "Artificial Stimulation of the Heart." Lectures in the series are held in Babies Hospital Amphitheatre, fourth floor, and begin at 7:30 p.m.

Other lectures scheduled for November:

Nov. 4—Dr. Edward A. Brunner, "Some Metabolic Actions of Anesthetic Agents."

Nov. 18—Dr. Henrik Bendixen, "Respiratory Unit at the Massachusetts General Hospital."

There will be no lecture November 25, because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Dr. William B. Snow Serves VA Hospital In Tuskegee, Ala.

Dr. William Benham Snow, formerly with the Medical Center's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, has been appointed Chief of Service in that specialty at Veterans Administration Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala.

Dr. Snow, who retired here in 1960, currently is Consultant to Presbyterian Hospital and Emeritus Professor of Physical Medicine at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is 70 years old.

For some time after his retirement, Dr. Snow was in private practice in Manhattan. Then for a year and a half he was Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Bath, N. Y.

The V.A. Hospital in Tuskegee, where Dr. Snow has been for three months, is a 1,912-bed facility located about a mile from the campus of Tuskegee Institute.

# On The Supposed Evils of Too Much Study

"Much study is a weariness of the flesh."

That's a Biblical quotation greatly favored by hard-pressed students. It's also the theme of an interesting and amusing book display on exhibit for the next three weeks in the Medical Library of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Assembled by Reference Librarian Philip J. Weimer-skirch primarily for the benefit of the incoming class of medical students, the display features a number of older works that discuss the supposed evils of overstudiousness.

"The diseases of students and scholars were the concern of a great many early writers on the subject of occupational medicine," said Mr. Weimer-skirch.

"It is hoped that this exhibit will throw some light on this all but forgotten aspect of occupational medicine by showing some interesting passages from lesser works as well as some of the landmarks."

A perusal of several of these writings reveals that physicians, psychiatrists and other learned men of generations ago believed that too dedicated an application to study resulted in, among other ills, poor digestion, melancholia and even mental derangement.

## "Excessive Study" Done 'em In

In fact, the 1843 annual report of the superintendent of New York State Lunatic Asylum at Utica indicated there were 12 patients in the institution whose mental downfall was presumed caused by "excessive study."

While it's true there were far more cases of insanity that the superintendent assumed were the result of religious anxiety (50 patients), ill health (46), child bearing (20) and loss of property (17), too much study was said to have landed more patients in the Asylum than intemperance (10 cases), disappointment in love (4), blows on the head (3), political excitement (2) and opium eating (1).

A celebrated American physician of an earlier day, Dr. Benjamin Rush (1745-1813) of Philadelphia, in his famous "Medical inquiries & observations upon the diseases of the mind" speaks of the debilitating effects of hard study, which he opined, predisposes the mind to "derangement."

Dr. Rush even offered a graphic description of a poor soul in an advanced stage of mental disturbance:

"Symptoms of this state of derangement . . . are a wild and ferocious countenance, en-

## P&S Library Book Exhibit Offers Some Chuckles to Busy Scholars



"Symptoms of this state of derangement . . . are a wild and ferocious countenance, enlarged and rolling eyes, constant singing, whistling or hallooing . . . imitation of the noises of different animals . . ."

larged and rolling eyes, constant singing, whistling or hallooing; imitation of the noises of different animals; walking with a quick step, or standing still, often with the hands and eyes elevated towards the heavens; wakefulness for whole nights, weeks, months . . ." And so on.

## The Ominous Peril Of "Brain-Fag"

Even more recently, a psychiatrist named Daniel Hack Tuke spoke at the 1879 annual meeting of the British Medical Association on "Intemperance in Study." He warned the assembly that he considered excessive study to be "a serious evil" that led, he said, to "brain-fag (fatigue?) . . . mental excitement . . . depression of spirit . . . also actual insanity."

Other writers, including Bernardino Ramazzini (*Diseases of Workers*, 1700) and C. Turner Thackrah (*Effects of Various Employments on Health and Longevity*, 1831), mentioned poor digestion and emotional depression as occupational hazards to which scholars are prone.

On the reason for weak stomachs in scholars, Ramaz-

zini stated: ". . . while the brain is digesting what is supplied by the passion for knowledge and the hunger for learning, the stomach cannot properly digest its own supply of food; this is because the animal spirits are distracted and kept busy by intellectual work . . ."

## Why Joviality Turns To Melancholia

He explained the high incidence of melancholia among students in this manner: ". . . scholars, even when endowed by nature with a jovial temperament, gradually become saturnine and melancholic . . . This is because in mental work the more spirituous part of the blood is used up, whereas the more foul and earthy part is left in the body."

Suggestions for avoiding the the supposed physical and mental ills associated with too much study were offered by a number of the writers whose works are being shown in the Medical Library exhibit.

To reduce the "evils attendant on literary and scientific pursuits," Thackrah endorsed a reduction of study (3 or 4 hours daily is enough, he felt), vigorous physical exercise,

meals at regular and accustomed hours, and plenty of fresh air.

Benjamin Rush was a believer in a change of pace for students:

"The celebrated Mr. M'Laurin, the friend and contemporary of Sir Isaac Newton, made it a practice to relieve his mind, when debilitated by hard study, and thereby predisposed to this disease (mental derangement), by reading novels and romances . . ."

Rush also tells of a Dr. Boerhaave (renowned Dutch physician, 1668-1738) who exhibited "signs of approaching derangement" and "was cured by being torn from his books and allured into agreeable company." He didn't specify whether the "agreeable company" was of the opposite sex.

But there was no such hesitancy on the part of Boston clergyman Chandler Robbins. For mental relaxation after long periods of hard study, he recommended in an 1825 essay: "Nothing is . . . so admirably fitted to fill up the elegant leisure of the scholar, as the society of women."

Should these nuggets of advice fail to produce in the scholar the desired healthiness of flesh and peace of mind, one further prescription is offered by Thackrah.

## The One Sure Cure: Soak Your Head!

"When there is much excitement and continued labour, the frequent washing of the head with cold water affords great relief, and tends to prevent that irregularity in the circulation, on which is founded diseases of the brain."

Translated into the idiom of contemporary America, he is saying: when you cram for an exam and your senses are reeling, go soak your head!

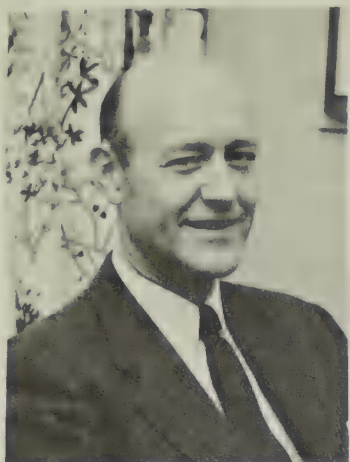


"MAN IN MANAGEMENT"

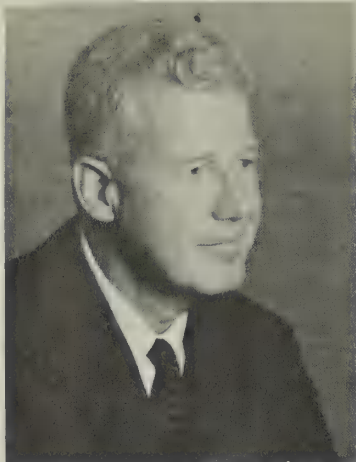
Frederick R. Kappel, vice president of The Presbyterian Hospital, will be honored by the advisory council of Pace College at a dinner Jan. 18 at the Waldorf-Astoria. As board chairman of American Telephone & Telegraph Co., he has been selected "Man in Management" by the council, a group of 48 business leaders.



# Gifts To Development Campaign



DR. JOHN K. LATTIMER



DR. EDWARD C. CURNEN, JR.

They share directorship of new fellowship program in Pediatric Urology

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The new program will be under the joint direction of Dr. John K. Lattimer, Director of Service, Urology, and Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., Director of Service, Pediatrics.

Through the generosity of the Given Foundation, it will now be possible to educate many more doctors in the highly developed diagnostic methods and special techniques which have grown in importance with the development of the special field of Pediatric Urology in recent years.

## Renovation of the Medical School

Plans for the renovation of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, as announced early this year, call for extensive reconstruction and expansion in teaching laboratories and lecture rooms which have not been significantly altered since the Medical Center was built in 1928.

Modernization will be carried out in seven floors in the North Wing of the medical school building. These are floors 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14. Work on these floors is scheduled to begin on May 1 and it is anticipated that the renovation will be completed by Labor Day.

The two existing two-story amphitheaters will also be renovated. Lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning will be overhauled and improved throughout the building. The most up-to-date equipment will be installed in enlarged student laboratories.

The entire project will cost an estimated \$2,400,000. Early this year, the first major gift designated for the project was received: \$1,052,300 from the U. S. Public Health Service.

## New Radiotherapy Center

The Booth Ferris Gift raises to over \$1,300,000 the total contributed toward constructing and equipping the new Radiotherapy Center. This project will cost an estimated \$1,500,000.

Scheduled for completion early next year, the unit will house one of the greatest concentrations of equipment in America for the X-ray treatment of cancer, as well as clinical research in this area.

The unit will centralize radiotherapy facilities now located in five sections of the hospital and will triple the hospital's capacity for radiotherapy.

The Booth-Ferris Foundation earlier contributed \$250,000 to the Medical Center Development Campaign. That gift was designated for the William Black Medical Research Building.

## Babies Hospital Renovation & Expansion

The grant from the Avalon Foundation puts the Babies Hospital campaign almost halfway towards its \$5,000,000 goal, according to August Belmont, chairman of the Babies campaign committee.

The money being sought will finance a modernization of the existing hospital building and the construction of an addition to house laboratories, staff offices and conference rooms, all of which are now cramped in the present building.

Groundbreaking for the addition is due to start this winter. It will be a four-level building, with two floors above ground and two below.

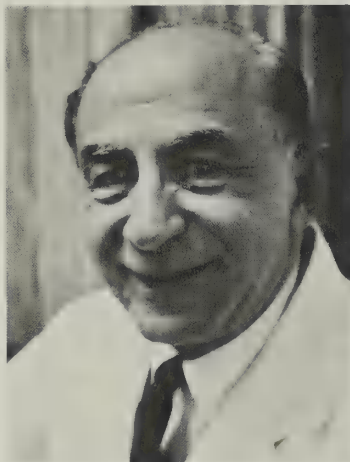
## Given Foundation Gifts To College Total \$2,500,000

The Irene Heinz Given and John La Porte Given Foundation, Inc. has now contributed \$2,500,000 to Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons for advanced research, training and teaching in the field of urology.

In acknowledging the foundation's recent gift of \$1,250,000 to establish teaching fellowships in Pediatric Urology, Grayson Kirk, President of Columbia, stated:

"We are greatly heartened by this latest financial assistance of the Given Foundation, which will significantly enhance Columbia's research and teaching programs in the urological diseases of children."

Dr. H. Houston Merritt, Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, noted that \$900,000 was received in 1962 from the Given Foundation for the express purpose of advancing research and teaching in Urology under Dr. Meyer M. Melicow. The grant's



Dr. Meyer M. Melicow

income is used to support the Given Foundation Professorship in Urology, with Dr. Melicow as the first incumbent.

In 1959, the college received for research in Urology \$200,000 from the estate of John L. Given, Jr., son of the founders of the foundation, and more recently a gift of \$150,000 from the foundation to purchase and maintain an electron microscope for use by Dr. Melicow and his research group.

Already in service on the ninth floor of Babies Hospital is the new McAlister Suite, which contains operating rooms, a recovery room and an intensive care unit. It was dedicated on January 13.

The Avalon Foundation has now contributed four gifts totaling \$900,000 to the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Development Program. Two earlier gifts were for the School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine in the William Black Medical Research Building. A third gift was designated for the remodeling of teaching laboratories in the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

## Case of the Pilfered Philodendron

### *It Was Good PR, But It Cost Us!*

Hoping to make the visitors' waiting area outside the Public Interest Office a bit more cheerful and attractive, Mrs. Dorothy Rothman placed a pretty philodendron plant in a prominent spot atop a bookcase.

Apparently the plant was just too attractive. When Mrs. Rothman, a secretary in the P.I.O., went to water it the next Monday morning... no plant!

In place of the pilfered philodendron, there was this note:

"Thank you very much. I will always remember the kindness of the Hospital's public relations office whenever I look at my small little souvenir plant.

"There was only one left or I would have liked to take one for my brother, who once was a patient."

## Walton Trotman

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for the efficient operation of all the physical facilities of the Medical Center. This includes air conditioning and refrigeration units, plumbing, heating and electrical facilities. If anything went wrong during the night, it was his job to see that it was repaired.

Walton Trotman was born on the island of Trinidad in the British West Indies and, as a boy of 17, came to New York City to seek his fortune.

His first big job was at the old Waldorf Astoria, tending the boilers. In May 1929, after he'd been there about 10 years, the Waldorf closed and he came to work at Presbyterian Hospital.

During those early years in the United States, he regularly invested part of his earnings in stocks. "My inten-

tion was to sell all my stocks in December 1929 and return to Trinidad "and live like a country squire." On October 24, however, the bottom fell out of the stock market—and out of Mr. Trotman's dreams.

Disappointed but not defeated, he started molding a new future for himself. He turned to education. After a day's work at the Medical Center, he'd rush downtown to Stuyvesant High School for courses in steam engineering, refrigeration and air conditioning. After three and a half years of study, he qualified for his license as a stationary engineer.

His career at the Medical Center was interrupted during 1942-43, while he served in the U. S. Army, rising to the rank of sergeant. After his discharge he returned here and soon was appointed head watch engineer.

## LIFE MEMBER, NAACP

Mr. Trotman and his wife, Kathleen, have three married children and eight grandchildren. He is active in Les Moderns Bridge Club, St. Martin's Episcopal Church and Grand Street Boys Association.

He is also a life member of the NAACP, and very proud of the fact. "I believe in the organization, although I don't agree with everything. For instance, I think that the only salvation for the Negro lies not in legislation but in education. I believe you get ahead through studying and hard work, not through marching and protesting."

Mr. Trotman and his wife sail in mid-December for a five month tour of the West Indies and neighboring islands. Then in July they're off to Europe.

Walton Trotman had one request at the end of his recent interview: "Through the years I worked with many fine men at the Medical Center. I won't be able to see them all, so please say that I thank every one of them for their wonderful cooperation."

## Nurse Benefit

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This year the committee requests contributions of Trading Stamp Books and Stamps of any brand. Should you have any to contribute, they may be sent to Mrs. Edwin B. Cox at Maxwell Hall, 179 Fort Washington Avenue, New York 32, New York, or to Mrs. James Bruen, 4th Floor Presbyterian Hospital, 622 West 168th Street, New York 32, New York. Any books or stamps which you can send will be greatly appreciated by the committee and ultimately by deserving students.



## Delafield Lectures For November

Dr. James L. German, III, of Cornell University Medical College will deliver the Delafield Saturday Morning Lecture November 6 on the topic "Autoradiographic Studies of Mammalian Chromosomes."

The lectures, which begin at 10 a.m., are held in the auditorium of Delafield Hospital, Fort Washington Avenue at 164th Street.

Other lectures scheduled for November:

Nov. 13: Gerald Weismann, M.D., New York University School of Medicine, "Lysozymes and Artificial Membranes."

Nov. 20: Gary Felsenfeld, Ph.D., National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, NIH, "Studies on Nucleic Acid Structure."

Nov. 27: Thanksgiving — no lecture.

# Orthopaedic Hospital's Auxiliary Continues Long Tradition of Benevolence and Service

Another day, another project, but the "woman's touch" is still very evident as the New York Orthopaedic Hospital completes plans for its centennial celebration in 1966.

"Through your sponsorship of the benefit performance of the Bolshoi Ballet at the Metropolitan Opera House on May 4, and the sale of advertising space in the souvenir program for that event, you are continuing a long record of service to the New York Orthopaedic Hospital," Dr. Frank Stinchfield reminded the Women's Auxiliary at a recent meeting.

## Benevolent Ladies To Aid The Needy

In 1872, the first director of the New York Orthopaedic Dispensary, Dr. Charles Fayette Taylor, bid for the support of charitable women to aid him in his work and to influence their husbands to support him in "helping the struggling and suffering poor."

"We especially desire the assistance of earnest, benevolent ladies who would become interested in some of the most needy cases and visit them in their homes," he said in 1872.

In 1878 a group of women founded the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Managers. These were the antecedents of the Women's Auxiliary which adopted its name in 1952.

These "earnest, benevolent ladies" were to prove essential

pital, director of the Rochester Regional Premature Center and a consultant in pediatrics to a number of other hospitals in the Rochester area.

He was also active in the activities of the American Academy of Pediatrics.



The country branch of New York Orthopaedic Hospital located in White Plains, was a gift of Miss Emily Watson and Mrs. Harry Walker. It opened in 1904. Advances against tuberculosis made it possible to close this unit in 1943.

to the growth of the hospital which will celebrate its centennial in 1966. Some highlights of their history are interesting to recall.

## Anna Roosevelt's Contributions

In 1888 Anna Roosevelt, daughter of Theodore Roosevelt, father of the president, who herself had been cured of a disabling disease of the spine and whose rehabilitation had led to the founding of the New York Orthopaedic Dispensary under the aegis of her father, became president of the Board of Lady Supervisors. Later, she became a trustee. Her son, William Sheffield Cowles, is today a trustee of the Presbyterian Hospital.

Anna Roosevelt Cowles was influential in obtaining the support of many prominent women in the city whose names read like a roster of the most prominent members of New York society.

Benevolence then covered a wide ground. It included donations of ice-boxes, scrub pails, food, flowers and furnishings. Carriage rides in the park for young orthopedic patients, Christmas celebrations replete with trees and presents, summer vacations for children at seashore homes, children's books and even red-worsted hand knitted stockings were among the items supplied by these women during the early years at the hospital.

In 1904 a "place in the

country, in a healthy locality" was donated by Miss Emily Watson and her sister, Mrs. Harry Walker. This was in answer to Dr. Russell Hibb's interest in the problem of tuberculosis of the joints which accounted for so much of the deformity of that day.

In 1928, the Annie C. Kane Fellowship Fund for the support and training of surgeons while they acquired the skills necessary for difficult orthopedic surgery was established by a \$1 million gift from the estate of Mrs. John Innes Kane.

Down through the past century many charitable women have provided support and essential material assistance to aid in the development of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital. During this time the auxiliary ladies have spent much

time and money to help needy patients. Their individual names and accomplishments would be impossible to enumerate.

The role of the auxiliary today has expanded with the needs of a modern hospital. Its contributions include financial aid for needy patients; providing salaries for two recreational therapists; aiding in the support of the patient library service, the Volunteer Department, the House Staff Loan Fund and Graduate Nurses Scholarship Fund and providing paintings and furnishings to beautify the hospital.

The warmth and generosity of these women adds that extra measure of service which enables the hospital to more fully answer the needs of its patients.

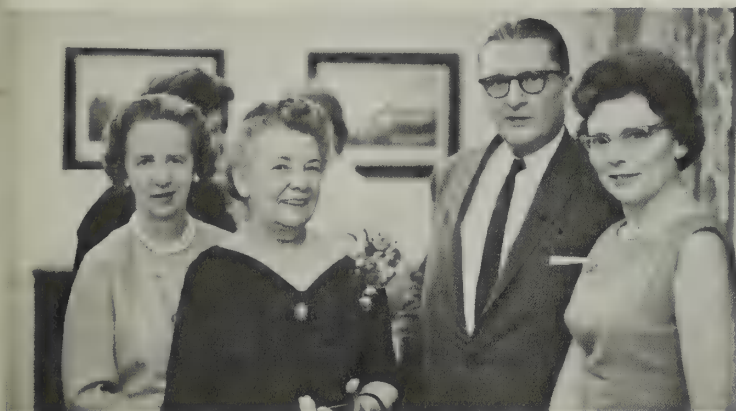
## Tickets Still Available

### Bolshoi Ballet Performance To Benefit NYOH Projects

Tickets for the May 4 benefit performance of the Bolshoi Ballet at the Metropolitan Opera House may be obtained from Lenore Tobin, 246 W. 44th St., New York City, telephone LO 4-5180. Miss Tobin is coordinating benefit arrangements for the Women's Auxiliary of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital, the sponsoring organization.

There are 680 tickets available at prices ranging from \$30 to \$50. Reservations will be on a first come first served basis.

Proceeds from the benefit will be applied to the 100th Anniversary projects of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital. They are an Alumni Conference Room on the 5th floor of Presbyterian Hospital and a residents' loan fund.



A SHOW OF AFFECTION AND RESPECT

Friends and associates of Miss Cora Shaw, R.N., gathered Oct. 19 to pay tribute to her on her retirement as Assistant Director of Nursing, Eye Institute. Miss Shaw was a nurse at the Medical Center for 37 years. From left, Marion D. Cleveland, Director of Nursing Service; Miss Shaw; A. J. Binkert, Executive Vice President of the Hospital; and Mary E. Windrow, Assistant Director of Nursing, Medicine and Surgery



## Novelist In Our Midst

A first novel, "The Virgin of San Gil," by Paul Olsen, psychiatrist at Neurological Institute, has just been published. Laudatory reviews call it "a novel of great achievement" with "an integrity of vision and response to spiritual disquiet."

The theme is a psychological study of the reactions of the townfolk to the theft of a jeweled statue of the Virgin from its niche in the church of a small Mexican village. The central character, an old Indian, Joaquin, finds it in a riverbed, mutilated. He hides it in his hovel and when it is discovered he is accused of stealing its jewels.

The impact on the community of Joaquin's interrogation provides an engrossing story, as well as insight into many social and religious problems of rural Mexico.



Paul Olsen

### WON MANY AWARDS

Writing has been a longtime avocation for Mr. Olsen. He began his journalistic career while in high school. Since, he has won several literary awards for his short fiction. Works of his have been published in literary reviews and several popular magazines. This new book was completed after two earlier novels were discarded in discouragement.

The author recently completed an internship in clinical psychology at the Psychiatric Institute as part of his doctoral studies at Teachers College. When he receives his doctorate he will be a clinical psychologist, the degree being required for this designation by New York State.

He is now in the department of clinical psychology at Neuro, doing psychological testing and evaluation on patients for diagnostic purposes.

Mr. Olsen hopes to divide his work between the practice of clinical psychology and writing. This combination is bound to bring forth many enjoyable stories from his talented pen.

## BABIES SANTA SEEKS HELPERS

If you're handy with needle and thread — or with knitting needles — you might be able to help the Babies Hospital Santa.

He is looking for ladies willing to dress the dolls that will be distributed to little girls in Babies Hospital on Christmas morning.

Anyone interested in buying or making clothing for one or more dolls

Materials and entry blanks for the Christmas Window Painting Contest will be available this year in the vestibule of the Chaplain's Office, off the Memorial Room of The Pauline A. Hartford Chapel.

The change in location has been made to centralize the pick up of paints, brushes and blanks in a spot convenient to all units, according to Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., chairman of the committee for the holiday event.

**DISTRIBUTION: DEC. 6-13**

Distribution will take place December 6-13, except Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Entry blanks must be returned to Public Interest, PH 4-32 by 5 p.m. on December 17. To allow more time to contestants and assure that all windows will be viewed by the judges, painters may continue working on their entries



WINNING WINDOW PAINTING OF AN EARLIER YEAR

until time for the preliminary judging, 9 a.m. December 21. Windows must be complete when the judges arrive.

**AWARDS: DEC. 23**

Final inspections will take place December 22, awards will be made on the 23rd.

### Here Are The Judges

Judging teams consist of members of the Medical Center Art Committee: Chaplain Reeves, Drs. C. R. Wise, Jerome P. Webster, Bard Cosman and Meyer M. Melicow, Mrs. Pamela Seaman, Mary Ryan, Mrs. Harriet Ryan, Helen Henry, Martha Haber, Agnes Dilworth, Mrs. Carol Skilley, Mrs. Rosemarie Glennon and James A. Sheridan.

## Madeline Hogan, Female Attendant, Retires on Nov. 4

Madeline Hogan, female attendant in the gynecology operating room on the 18th floor of Presbyterian Hospital, retires on November 4.

A native of Medford, Mass., she began her Medical Center employment Sept. 25, 1953. Her 12 year career here has been "a thrilling experience," she said.

### HOPES TO VOLUNTEER

Mrs. Hogan is looking forward to an auto trip through Northern New England. Then she hopes to return to the Medical Center as a Volunteer.

"I love this place and all the people I've worked with here," she explained.

## ON THE SHELF

### New Books in Milbank Library

#### FICTION

**Knights and Dragons** by Elizabeth Spencer. An American woman working in Rome is haunted by memories of her ex-husband.

**The Green Berets** by Robin Moore. Stories of a group of true-life heroes — the men of the U. S. Army Special Forces.

**Sarkhan** by William Lederer and Eugene Burdick. The authors of "The Ugly American" return to Southeast Asia with an explosive novel of Communist threats and Washington politics.

**The Whip Hand** by Victor Canning. A suspenseful novel of espionage and counterespionage set in Europe.

**Once a Greek** by Friedrich Duerrenmatt. A vastly entertaining novel about a middle-aged junior clerk who advertises for a wife in the local newspaper.

#### NON-FICTION

**The Kandy-Kolored Tangerine-Flake Streamline Baby** by Tom Wolfe. A look at the American scene by a highly original writer.

**Kennedy** by Theodore Sorensen. A perceptive biography of our late President by a man who was his close associate for eleven years.

## Medical Illustrators Honor R. J. Demarest



Robert J. Demarest, medical artist in the Department of Anatomy, College of Physicians and Surgeons, was presented the Ralph Sweet Award for the best medical illustration exhibited at the 20th annual meeting of the Association of Medical Illustrators.

He was also elected chairman of the association's Board of Governors during the meeting, held October 3-5 in Philadelphia.

Mr. Demarest's winning entry was a three-color illustration of the bronchial tree.

The finale of the three-day session was rather unusual: members dined in the Egyptian Room of the University of Pennsylvania Museum, "where tables were set amongst the mummies and sarcophagi."





# The Stethoscope

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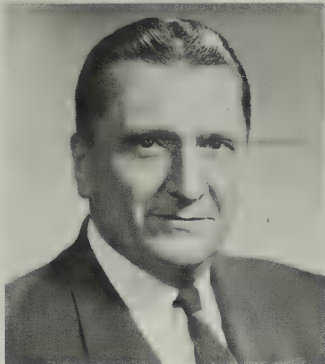
## TO OUR STAFF AND PERSONNEL:

During this Holiday Season it is satisfying to reflect on the privilege which is ours—to serve those in need of medical assistance.

Your skill and compassion have restored health and happiness to many. Your loyalty, devotion and cooperation have touched the hearts of those we serve.

Along with my sincere appreciation, may I extend the season's greetings to you and your family.

A. J. BINKERT  
Executive Vice President



## Arthritis Patient, Once An Athlete, Credits Hospital with "Keeping Me From Becoming A Burden"

Harold E. Thomas was once a varsity athlete, playing baseball, basketball and taking part in track events. He even won the Metropolitan Y.M.C.A. Cross Country Run, covering four miles in little over 19 minutes.

Mr. Thomas doesn't do any running any more. At the age of 61, he stands a bit stooped and it isn't easy for him to move around. Even rising from a chair can be painful and he has to take the stairs carefully.

This red-cheeked, bright-eyed gentleman is one of America's millions of victims of arthritis. Unfortunately, he suffers the rheumatoid variety of the disease, which is particularly disabling.

"It started in my feet, but gradually passed upward

through my entire body," says Mr. Thomas. "I'm not complaining, though, the doctors here have kept me going when I thought I would have to give up and just lie down."

A railroad man, Mr. Thomas was working on the New  
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Harold E. Thomas, an arthritis outpatient here for over 20 years, demonstrates his manual dexterity at the power saw for Miss LouAnn Durbin, occupational therapist at Vanderbilt Clinic.

## Little Lucy's Hands Tell A Wonderful Story

One afternoon recently, as bright Autumn sunshine streamed into the living room of her Long Island home, 11-year-old Lucy Oramas sat quietly by the window, holding her hand aloft in the sunlight.

She positioned the hand this way and that, staring with fascination at the shadow it cast on the wall. Suddenly her expressive features widened into a smile.

"Look," she exclaimed proudly to her aunt. "Look! It's the same shape as *your* hand. Isn't it beautiful!"

For a little girl who had been born with deformities of the hands and arms, this was a glorious moment.

It was a happiness made possible because orthopedic surgeons at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, in a period of just over a year, had performed four operations on Lucy to correct mistakes Nature had made during her prenatal development.

### Lucy's Defects

Lucy Oramas, a raven-haired child with eyes the color of polished mahogany, was born July 27, 1954 in Bogotá, capital city of Colombia, South America. She is the fifth of eight children of Carlos Oramas, a sales clerk in a men's clothing store, and his wife. All the youngsters except Lucy, are normal in every way.

Lucy's defect is an unusual one. Where the average person has two bones in his forearm, she has but one. She entered the world with the shorter of these bones, the radius, absent from both arms. As she grew, the tendons tightened and her hands were drawn inward until they practically touched her upper arms.

Moreover, there was no thumb on her left hand and the thumb and forefinger on her right were just useless fragments.

The little girl's parents took her to a number of specialists in South America, who recom-



### A YOUNG GIRL'S DETERMINATION

Lucy Oramas, a courageous and determined child, soon will undergo a fifth surgical procedure here to correct disabling deformities of both her hands and forearms. Until she became a patient at the Medical Center's Hand Clinic last year, the girl and her parents had almost abandoned hope that medical science could significantly alleviate her handicap.

mended casts and braces to straighten her arms. When Lucy was two, the family scraped together enough money to send her to Boston. Doctors there said no corrective work was advisable until she was older.

### Optimism Dims

As the years passed, Lucy's parents began to fear that medical science could do nothing to substantially alleviate her handicap. So that she might better prepare herself for future employment, her parents decided to send her to live with relatives in the United States. With an Amer-

ican education, they felt, she might someday be able to find work as a Spanish-English interpreter.

In August 1963, Lucy became a member of the household of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Alejandro Oramas of North Merrick, Long Island. He is a radio announcer at the United Nations, broadcasting news in Spanish to Latin America and other Spanish-speaking parts of the world.

According to the aunt, Lucy's family in Bogotá still nurtured a dim hope that somewhere in the great City of New York there would be doctors able to assist their daughter. *Continued on page four*



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## STETHOSCOPIA

### ■ DOWN THE AISLE

Mary Varis, secretary to G. R. Masten, and Mr. Christopher Trilivas were wed on November 21.

Dr. John G. Gorman, director of the Blood Bank, and Dr. Carol Rutgers, former resident in Pathology, were married November 18.

Dr. John Calvin Morrison Brust Jr., resident in Medicine, and Miss Mary Duncan Noyes of New Canaan, Conn. were married recently.

Charles Newman of Maintenance & Construction and Miss Janice Shumate were married November 27.

### ■ TO WED SOON

Karen Zimmerman, technician in the clinical pathology lab, Vanderbilt Clinic, is engaged to Mr. Robert Voehringer, a chemical engineer with the Esso Research Center in Ohio.

Ellen Vivian Kaplan, student in the School of Physical Therapy, College of Physicians and Surgeons, is betrothed to Mr. Allan Gittleman of Providence, R. I.

Leslie Jane Hartley and Frederick Morris Gise, 3rd year medical students at P&S, are engaged.

Ronald William O'Connor, 4th year medical student at P&S, and Miss Sara Davis Belcher of Lakeville, Conn. plan to be married in May.

Donna Hoag, R.N., nursing supervisor on PH-10, and Mr. Benjamin E. Reynolds of Boston, Mass. plan to be married January 8.

### ■ THE STORK VISITED

Mrs. Roseanne Pozzuoli, secretary in the office of the Assistant Dean, had a baby boy last month.

Mrs. Brenda Wilson, secretary in P&S Personnel office, had a baby girl recently.

### ■ NOTES OF INTEREST

Toddie Craig, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Craig, is in Who's Who in the East in recognition of her work as a medical illustrator.

Timothy Sullivan of Maintenance & Construction won a 19-inch television set on a chance sold to him by Frank Stingo, who is Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Luke J. Lang Post, Maspeth, N. Y., which raffled the set.

Marjorie Kellogg, social worker in Physical Medicine, has written a play which is being produced by the Henry Street Playhouse. Called "The Oldest Trick in the World," it will open on December 17.

Miss Hattie H. Bruns, a volunteer since 1952, has retired from the volunteer department. She has 15,195 hours of service on her record, having worked three days a week compiling statistical reports and giving Saturday morning coverage in the volunteer office. She will be missed greatly by her co-workers and many friends at the hospital.

John B. Holt, bell captain in Harkness Pavilion, plays guitar in a three-piece combo that was formed recently.

## Our Alumnae Shops Offer Nice Gifts for Christmas

Many special items for Christmas giving are available in the Nursing Alumnae Gift Shops in the lobbies of Presbyterian Hospital and Harkness Pavilion. Shop proceeds go to our Nursing Endowment Fund.

Among the gifts being of-

ferred are Christmas decorations and centerpieces, costume jewelry, novelties, candy, toys and dolls, books and games, and a variety of other items, including grab-bags.

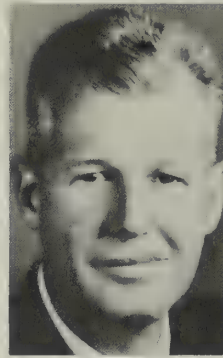
And if you can't decide what to buy, the shops have gift certificates.



## DOINGS OF DOCTORS



DR. EDWARD C. CURNEN, Jr., director of Pediatrics, presented a paper on "Picornaviruses" at the International Congress of Pediatrics held recently in Tokyo. Also attending this meeting were Drs. HATTIE ALEXANDER, attending pediatrician; KATHERINE MERRITT and WILLIAM A. SILVERMAN, associate attending pediatricians; RUTH C. HARRIS and AKIRA MORISHIMA, assistant attending pediatricians, and JOHN C. SINCLAIR, Visiting Fellow. The parents of Dr. Morishima entertained the doctors at their home in Tokyo.



DR. CURNEN



DR. HARRIS

The 1965 Annual Meeting of the American Epilepsy Society was held here in the Alumni Auditorium December 2. DR. NIELS L. LOW, associate attending neurologist, is treasurer and DR. JAMES F. HAMMILL, associate attending neurologist, is chairman of the arrangement committee for the Society.

DR. H. HOUSTON MERRITT, Director of Neurology, was recently appointed chairman of the Professional Advisory Council of the Epilepsy Association of America, organized as a merger of the Councils of the United Epilepsy League, the American Epilepsy Federation and the National Epilepsy League.

DR. DAVID C. BAKER, JR., director of Otolaryngology, has been elected to the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons for a term of three years. He was also appointed to the College's Committee of Graduate Instruction for Otolaryngology.

DR. MILOVAN T. RAKIC, assistant attending physician, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, will present "Studies on Hyperuricemia" at the XIth International Congress of Rheumatology, Mar del Plata, Argentina, Dec. 5-11. Dr. Rakic was recently nominated for an honorary degree, Maître es Sciences Medicales, by l'Universite de Paris, France.

DR. NIELS L. LOW, associate attending neurologist, and DR. PATRICK F. BRAY, former

Visiting Fellow at PH, now Associate Professor at the University of Utah, presented a round table on "Recent Developments in Pediatric Neurology" at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

DR. WALTER EVAN BERDON, assistant radiologist, with DR. DAVID BAKER, associate attending radiologist, and DR. THOMAS SANTULLI, attending surgeon, had an exhibit at the Radiological Society of North America in Chicago last week. Dr. Berdon also gave a refresher course on "Chest Diseases in the Neonate" during this meeting.

DR. IRA S. JONES, assistant attending ophthalmologist, was guest of honor at the recent meeting of the Nova Scotia Society of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology in Halifax. He presented papers on "Diagnosis of Orbital Tumors" and "Treatment of Orbital Tumors."

DR. BARD COSMAN, assistant attending surgeon, has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons at their recent meeting in Atlantic City. At this meeting DR. GEORGE CRICKLAIR, attending surgeon, participated in a panel discussion on the "Management of Antibiotic Resistant Open Wounds of the Soft Tissues."



DR. COSMAN

DR. CRICKLAIR also presented a paper entitled "Flame Retardant Clothing" at the recent meeting of the American Association for Surgery for Trauma held in Philadelphia. He was elected to membership at this same meeting.

Medical Center doctors at the annual meeting of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons in Philadelphia included Drs. COSMAN and CRICKLAIR, who presented a paper entitled "The Minimal Cleft Lip;" FRANK PRADO, assistant resident, plastic surgery, and FRANCIS SYMONDS, assistant attending surgeon, who presented a paper "An Ambulatory Positive Pressure Device in the Treatment of Varicose Leg Ulcers." DR. CRICKLAIR discussed a paper on "Keratoacanthoma or Squamous Cell Carcinoma-A Surgeon's Dilemma." DR. SYMONDS and DR. CRICKLAIR presented "Auricular Composite Grafts in Nasal Reconstruction."

DR. MEYER M. MELICOW, Given Professor of Urology Emeritus, has an exhibit of his paintings and drawings at the Charles Banzansky Galleries through December 11th.

## From The Mailbag

I want to take this opportunity to tell you how very nice everyone was during my stay at the Neurological Institute. My experiences in other hospitals have never been very pleasant; being in a hospital for any reason is never very pleasant, but the kindness of the staff and the excellent food helped a lot. My compliments to the chef.—From a former patient in Neuro.

My deepest gratitude for the extraordinarily fine treatment you accorded me during my recent stay in your marvelous place. I am sure I express the sentiments of every patient who was there when I was. Every person I spoke to there shares my opinion about your matchless facilities for convalescence, your encouragement, your concern for and attention to each and every person under your care—all of

which make for the patient's rapid progress toward recovery.

You made us all very happy by giving us peace of mind and a desire to get well as quickly as possible. I shall always be grateful for every kindness bestowed upon me while in your care.

May you carry on your wonderful work for many, many years to come.—From a former patient at Mary Harkness.



## Hartford Foundation Grants \$353,566 for Arthritis Studies

The John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc. has granted \$353,566 for research studies of rheumatoid arthritis to be made at The Presbyterian Hospital.

The grant, announced by Ralph W. Burger, President of the Foundation, and Augustus C. Long, President of the Hospital, will support investigations over the next three years.

Director of the research project is Dr. Charles L. Christian, Associate Attending Physician at the Hospital and Associate Professor of Medicine at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

(See article on arthritis patient Harold E. Thomas, beginning on page one of this issue.)

The most disabling form of chronic arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis attacks about two percent of the population. It occurs in people of all ages, but most often appears in the 30-to-40 age group. Women fall victim more frequently than men. The tissue lining the joints becomes inflamed and thick, sometimes eroding the surrounding bone and cartilage.

"The cause of rheumatoid arthritis is not known, but there is strong evidence that some type of immunological disturbance underlies its development," Dr. Christian said. "Part of this evidence has de-

rived from studies of a blood factor present in most patients with the disease."

Described in 1948 by a group of physicians at the Medical Center, this rheumatoid factor is in a class of antibodies called "autoantibodies" because it reacts with materials normally present in the body.

According to Dr. Christian, there is some significance in the rheumatoid factor also being present in patients with chronic infections, such as leprosy and tuberculosis. Similar substances can be induced in the blood of animals repeatedly injected with certain bacteria.

The new research studies will redirect interest toward the idea that some type of

infectious agent may cause rheumatoid arthritis, the physician stated. Past studies have failed to show a relationship between common types of bacteria and rheumatoid arthritis, he said, but such other agents as viruses and organisms like those causing pleuropneumonia in animals merit further investigation.

"The support from the Hartford Foundation will permit continued immunological studies of rheumatoid arthritis and related disorders," the investigator declared. "In addition, there will be a systematic and concerted effort to apply techniques now available toward the isolation of microbes from arthritis cases."

### EXPRESSING OUR THANKS

Mr. Long expressed Presbyterian Hospital's gratitude for the Hartford Foundation's generosity in helping study of this ailment that claims millions of Americans. The new grant raises to \$6,745,974 the total awarded to the Hospital by the Foundation, one of whose basic goals is to shorten the interval between the making of scientific discoveries and their use in medical care.

## A South Pacific Tale Michener Never Told

Last month's well publicized story of Air Force surgeons removing a live grenade from the back of a Vietnamese farmer revived almost forgotten memories in the mind of Medical Center radiologist Harold W. Jacox.

Twenty three years ago, Dr.



LT. CMDR. H. W. JACOX  
Defusing A "Human Bomb"

Jacox was in the South Pacific, a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy Medical Corps.

During the Battle of the Coral Sea in May 1942, Navy Fire Controlman Allen L. Gordon, aboard the battleship *South Dakota*, was struck by a 20 mm. anti-aircraft shell that pierced his intestines and lodged near his left hip.

Among the Navy doctors summoned to the aid of the wounded sailor was Dr. Jacox. As a radiologist, it was he who located the shell.

Sailor Gordon was taken to a portable beach hospital on a South Pacific island, where the live shell was removed by three doctors (including Dr. Jacox) working around a chin-high screen of armor plate.

Marine Ordnance experts defused the shell and gave it to Gordon as a souvenir. He went on to law school and practiced in Ann Arbor, Mich. until his death of a heart condition in 1955.

A dramatized TV version of Gordon's (and the three doctors') ordeal was presented in 1957 on the program "Navy Log." Title of the film: "The Human Bomb."

## A Bit of the Starch Gone from Laundry, For Molly's Retired

Some of the starch will be gone from the laundry department with the retirement of Molly Connor last week.

The crisp, little lady with the soft lilt of Ireland in her voice has supervised the laundering of hospital uniforms for almost a quarter of a century. Since she came to the hospital in 1942, the well-pressed look of our uniformed staff and personnel has been her personal pride.

"The most satisfying part of my job was doing up the uniforms for the nurses' graduations. The girls always look so beautiful," she recalled.

### SHE'LL VISIT IRELAND

Like many another employee, Mrs. Connor came to the hospital "just for a short while." Her interest and dedication kept her here these 23 years and now she is sad at leaving. Her many friends and associates paid tribute to her at a farewell tea last Tuesday.

Mrs. Connor's immediate plans call for the redecoration of her apartment in the Fordham section of the Bronx.

"I'm a great hand with the paint roller," she said.

In the near future she hopes to see another Dublin Horse-show and visit her relatives in the west of Ireland.

"While I'm still young enough to enjoy the trip," the Galway-born lass added with a twinkle.

## Urology Department Holds Reception To Honor Given Foundation Trustees



WORDS OF GRATITUDE BY DR. LATTIMER — From left, Harold W. Conroy, Robert J. Bruneau, General Lucius D. Clay, Dean H. Houston Merritt, Dr. Lattimer and Mrs. Meyer M. Melicow.



VIEWING THE ELECTRON MICROSCOPE, a gift from the Given Foundation, are, from left, Dr. M. M. Melicow, Dr. Myron Tannenbaum, Mrs. Sarah Given Larson, Eric Nelson and Frank B. Cliffe.

A reception and tea for trustees of the Irene Heinz Given and John LaPorte Given Foundation was held Nov. 29 by the Department of Urology.

Expressing gratitude for the Foundation's support of education and research here in the field of urology was Dr. John K. Lattimer, Director of Service, Urology. Also present to honor the Given trustees were General Lucius D. Clay, chairman of the Medical Center's Development Fund Campaign; A. J. Binkert, executive vice president, Presbyterian Hospital, and Dr. H. Houston Merritt, Dean of Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The Given Foundation recently gave \$1,250,000 to the College of Physicians and Surgeons to establish an endowment fund to support the training of researchers and teachers in the specialty of pediatric urology.

Earlier gifts totaling \$1,250,000 were presented to P&S by the Foundation for the advancement of research and teaching in uropathology, under Dr. Meyer M. Melicow. Dr. Melicow is Given Foundation Professor of Uropathology.

Given Foundation officers and trustees attending the reception were Mrs. Sarah Given Larson, Robert J. Bruneau, Frank B. Cliffe, Harold W. Conroy, Eric Nelson and Dr. Melicow.

## In Memoriam

### DR. LEWIS J. DOSHAY

Dr. Lewis J. Doshay, associate attending neurologist (inactive), died Nov. 6 in Bronxville after a heart attack. He was 68.

Actively associated with the Medical Center from 1929 until his retirement in 1962, he was a devoted student of the diseases of the basal ganglia, particularly Parkinson's disease, and made many significant contributions to the treatment of these diseases.

He and the late Dr. Kate Constable reported on the encouraging use of artane for Parkinsonism in 1949.

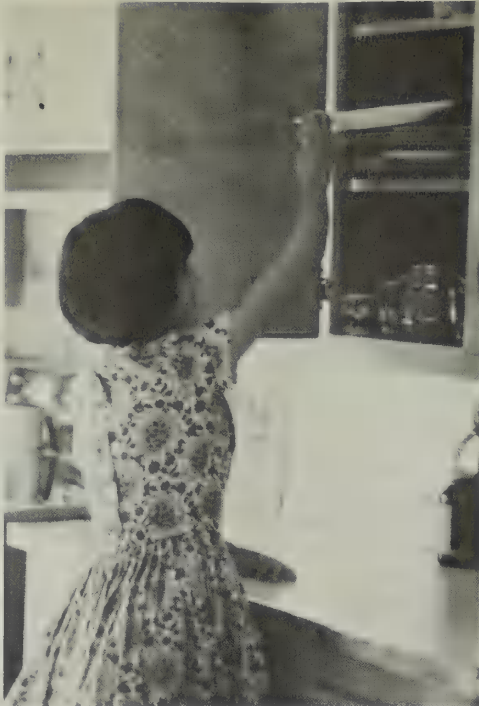
Dr. Doshay wrote widely for medical journals and in 1960 authored the book, "Parkinson's Disease: Its Meaning and Management."

He was chairman of the board of the National Parkinson Foundation.

### HAROLD F. KEATING

Harold F. Keating, former assistant supervisor of the Hospital's Mail Service, died Sept. 25 at the age of 69. He began his employment at the New York Orthopaedic Hospital in 1938 and came here when the hospital became a unit of the Medical Center in 1950. Subsequently he was night manager in Presbyterian for a time, then transferred to the Mail Service. He retired in January, 1961.





## Little Lucy's Hands Tell A Wonderful Story

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Knowledge that such help was available came in an unexpected way.

Nine months after Lucy arrived in the United States, Dr. Robert E. Carroll, attending orthopedic surgeon at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, gave a course on surgical repair of hands at the University of Bogotá. (He was

on a lecture tour of South America, under the sponsorship of Orthopedics Overseas, a part of Medico-Care.)

Among the Colombian orthopedic surgeons who attended the course at Bogotá was one who knew Lucy's case well. He informed the girl's parents of the work being done on injured and deformed hands at the Columbia Presby-

terian Medical Center.

Their hopes rekindled by the news, Lucy's parents quickly relayed the information to the relatives on Long Island.

### Day to Remember

July 13, 1964 was a momentous day in Lucy's young life, the date of her first visit to the Medical Center's Hand Clinic, which, since its inception in 1949, has cared for some 100 cases similar to Lucy's. It was recommended that repair procedures begin at once.

"At first, I was frightened," Lucy admitted. "But the doctors, nurses and everyone at Babies Hospital were so nice to me that the operation was over before I knew it."

The first surgical procedure, performed in August 1964, was on her right forearm. Surgeons moved the bone, complete with tendons, nerves and muscles, into a position that insured that the arm would be straight.

"Since that time, Lucy has been ready and willing for each operation," said her aunt. "She knows that each step will make a great difference in her hands and arms."

### To Create A Thumb

Operations two and three (December 1964 and May 1965) were performed to straighten Lucy's left arm, which was more deformed than the right. The fourth procedure, amputation of a bit of useless thumb on her right hand, took place in September of this year.

The all-important fifth step will be undertaken just after Christmas. Working on Lucy's right hand, the surgeons will

assemble remnants of deformed digits into a finger that will be shifted around to make an opposable thumb.

"That will give Lucy a hand with three good fingers and a thumb," the orthopedic surgeons explained. "It will be a hand with very good function and excellent cosmetic appearance."

When asked whether a three-fingered hand might not appear rather unusual, one of the doctors answered with another question.

### Like Mickey Mouse

"Did you ever see Mickey Mouse's hand? Almost everyone has, but how many people can tell you that Mickey has only three fingers and a thumb?" Lucy chuckles when the doctors say that. She's become a great fan of Mickey Mouse.

Lucy's aunt said there has been a "wonderful difference in the child" since corrective

work began on her hands and arms.

"When Lucy arrived in this country, she was nine years old. She was capable of feeding herself, but little else," the aunt continued.

"Now, two years and four operations later, she dresses herself . . . even tying shoes and buttoning buttons . . . bathes and grooms herself, hangs up her clothes, makes her bed and helps around the house by dusting and washing and drying dishes."

She is also doing quite well in school and is giving an indication of becoming the linguist her parents hope she'll be. She has mastered English so effectively that it's difficult to detect any accent in her speech. And with an innocent candor typical of her age, she's willing to admit that she's the best French student in her sixth grade class at Park Avenue School, North Merrick.

### Lucy's Ambition

Looking back over her 11 years of life, Lucy recalls many occasions when discouragement would overcome her normally sunny outlook.

"By the time I came to the United States, I had stopped hoping that something could be done to make my hands and arms better. I just didn't want to think about it any more."

But surgery has made such conspicuous improvement in Lucy's case that she is viewing her future with considerable optimism these days.

"Do you know what I'd like to be when I grow up?" she asked. "I want to help people who are sick and need help. I want to be a nurse—like the nurses in Babies Hospital."

Lucy's a very brave and determined little girl. She may well achieve her goal!



Dr. Robert E. Carroll, attending orthopedic surgeon, studies the improvement in Lucy's left arm and hand after corrective surgery.



Lucy, with family pet, Lassie. Smile on the young girl's face is an indication of new optimism with which she views the future.



**M**ail cards to Hospital friends early. Include their department in the address to aid Mail Room.

**E**ntry blanks for window painting contest are available Dec. 6-13 in vestibule of Chaplain's Office.

**R**eturn your window decorating contest blanks to Public Interest Office, PH 4-32 by 5 p.m. Dec. 17.

**R**emember the Hospital's special funds for our needy patients on your Christmas gift list.

**Y**ule lights on the Medical Center's four outdoor trees will go on at sundown Dec. 17.



**C**aroling procession through the wards by nurses and house staff begins at 7:30 Christmas Eve.

**H**ousekeeping employees will deliver trees, wreaths and decorations to the floors Dec. 20.

**R**eligious observances will be held Christmas morning in Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel.

**I**nterest in the Dolls' Tea Party is as great as usual. It's scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Dec. 21.

**S**pecial broadcasts of Christmas music will be aired daily over our own Radio Channel 1.

**T**rays for our patients will be festively decorated on Christmas by Food Service employees.

**M**any Christmas parties are scheduled for various areas of the Hospital during the holiday season.

**A**nnual Candlelight Vespers will be held this year at 5:15 p.m. Dec. 15 in our Chapel.

**S**tethoscope's staff wishes every one of our readers a joyous Christmas and happy New Year.



CHRISTMAS WINDOW CONTEST: FINAL JUDGING DEC. 22

## Suggestions For Faster Christmas Mail Service

To be sure that Christmas cards reach your Medical Center friends on time, you should post them no later than December 15, according to John J. Campbell, mail service supervisor.

Anticipating the holiday mailing rush, he urges all possible cooperation from staff and personnel to ease the annual last-minute overflow of Yule mail.

Here's what you can do to help:

- Whenever possible, send cards to Medical Center friends at their home address, using the regular U. S. Government mail system.

- If it becomes necessary to use the hospital mails, please indicate the recipient's complete hospital address, including unit, department, floor and room number.



ALL THROUGH OUR HOUSE, THE PRETTY TRIMMINGS OF CHRISTMAS

## Christmas Calendar

### Christmas Parties:

ORTHOPEDIC Children's Party: BH-5, 2 p.m. Dec. 15.  
MARY HARKNESS Unit Party, sponsored by the Auxiliary: 7 p.m. Dec. 16.

P&S CLUB Party: Bard Hall, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17.

DOLLS' TEA PARTY, with display of dolls to be given child patients on Christmas: BH Board Room, 3:30 p.m., Dec. 21.

PEDIATRIC CLINIC Party for child outpatients of all services: VC-4, 3 p.m. Dec. 22.

### Special Musical Events and Religious Services:

STUDENT NURSES' GLEE CLUB Annual Christmas Concert: Maxwell Hall, 8 p.m. Dec. 13.

CANDLELIGHT VESPER Service: The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel, 5:15 p.m. Dec. 15.

### In the Wards:

MELODY QUARTETTE, caroling on the wards: 2:30 p.m., Dec. 15.

VESPER CAROLERS, 5:00 p.m. Dec. 17.

BABIES HOSPITAL Children's Pageant on PH 5E 7 p.m., on PH 5C 7:30 p.m., Dec. 17.

DOCTORS AND NURSES in traditional caroling procession through the hospital: 7:30 p.m., Dec. 24.

SANTA CLAUS will visit patients, young and adult, on Christmas morning.

### Special Christmas Music over Bedside Broadcasting System (Channel 1):

ORGAN MUSIC AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS: daily from Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m.

### Half-hour Broadcasts

HOSPITAL MUSIC SERVICE: Broadcast from Studio, 3 p.m. Dec. 19.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHORISTERS: Broadcast from Chapel: 4:30 p.m. Dec. 20.

SHELL CHORUS: Broadcast from Chapel: 7 p.m. Dec. 20.

### Christmas Day Religious Services in Chapel:

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS, 7 a.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 9:00 a.m.

JEWISH SERVICE, 10:30 a.m.



CAROLING ON THE WARDS: 7:30 P.M., DEC. 24

## Annual Christmas Vespers Set For 5:15 p.m., Dec. 15th

The Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, will deliver the Christmas meditation at the Candlelight Vesper Service in The Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel.

The beautiful and inspiring

service of music and light will be at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Music during the service will be by the 50-voice P&S Choir, composed of medical and nursing students, as well as staff members. Choir di-

rector is medical student John Howland, Class of '67.

Other scheduled participants include the Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Jr., chaplain of the Presbyterian Hospital; Dr. George A. Perera, associate dean, College of Physicians and Surgeons; Dr. Aura E. Severinghaus, associate dean, emeritus, P&S; Edwin M. Barton, director of student activities, P&S, and medical stu-

dent William Johnson, chairman of the Vespers Committee.

On Christmas Eve at 7:30, a chorus of nurses and members of the house staff will take part in the traditional caroling procession through the patient areas of the Hospital.

Christmas Day religious observances in the Chapel: Roman Catholic Mass, 7 a.m.; Protestant Holy Communion,

9 a.m., and Jewish Service, 10:30 a.m.

The beloved music of the season will be programmed over the Hospital's own Bedside Broadcasting System (Radio Channel 1), beginning Dec. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m. Other programs by guest choral groups will be aired at various times throughout the Holidays.





All hallways of the hospital were lighted, so critically ill patients were cared for there, in screened off areas.



In the emergency admitting area on the first floor of Vanderbilt Clinic, it was service around the clock, just as always. When the city lights failed to come back after a reasonable wait, this section was set up with cots, making a full triage area that would have been available in event of disaster.

# BLACKOUT



One elevator in every unit of the hospital continued to operate throughout the night on power supplied by the emergency generator.

## To the Non-Professional and Professional Staffs of The Presbyterian Hospital

The Medical Board at its meeting on November 16, 1965 asked me to express its sincere thanks to each member of the Hospital family for the generous and effective help rendered in the emergency imposed by the power failure on Tuesday, November 9.

It was heart-warming to have confirmed again the great ability and esprit of the Medical Center staff.

Stanley E. Bradley, M.D.  
President, The Medical Board

The blackout on Tuesday, November 9th, was more than a test of our carefully planned emergency procedures. It was a challenge to demonstrate that the Medical Center could unite and cooperate to meet an emergency. Members of the professional staff, personnel, students, volunteers, and many others - all did this exceedingly well.

A visitor best summed it up by saying, "Everyone is so willing, polite and cooperative."

Thank you all for this splendid effort.

A. J. Binkert  
Executive Vice President



During the long blackout, clerks at the Presbyterian Information Desk assured anxious family and friends of patients that all was well.



# The Long Dark Night When The Clocks Stopped

No matter when you glanced at the clock that long night, it read 5:28. That was the hour and minute the lights at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center flickered, dimmed and went out on the evening of November 9.

Eight seconds after the current failed, the 12-cylinder Diesel emergency generator in the sub-basement spun into action. Less than three minutes later, our steam generator also began to throb. Between the two power sources, every electrical service considered essential to patient care and the operation of the hospital was maintained.

November 9 is a night that will be remembered here with justifiable pride, because of the many examples of thoughtfulness, cheerfulness and hard work under difficult conditions.

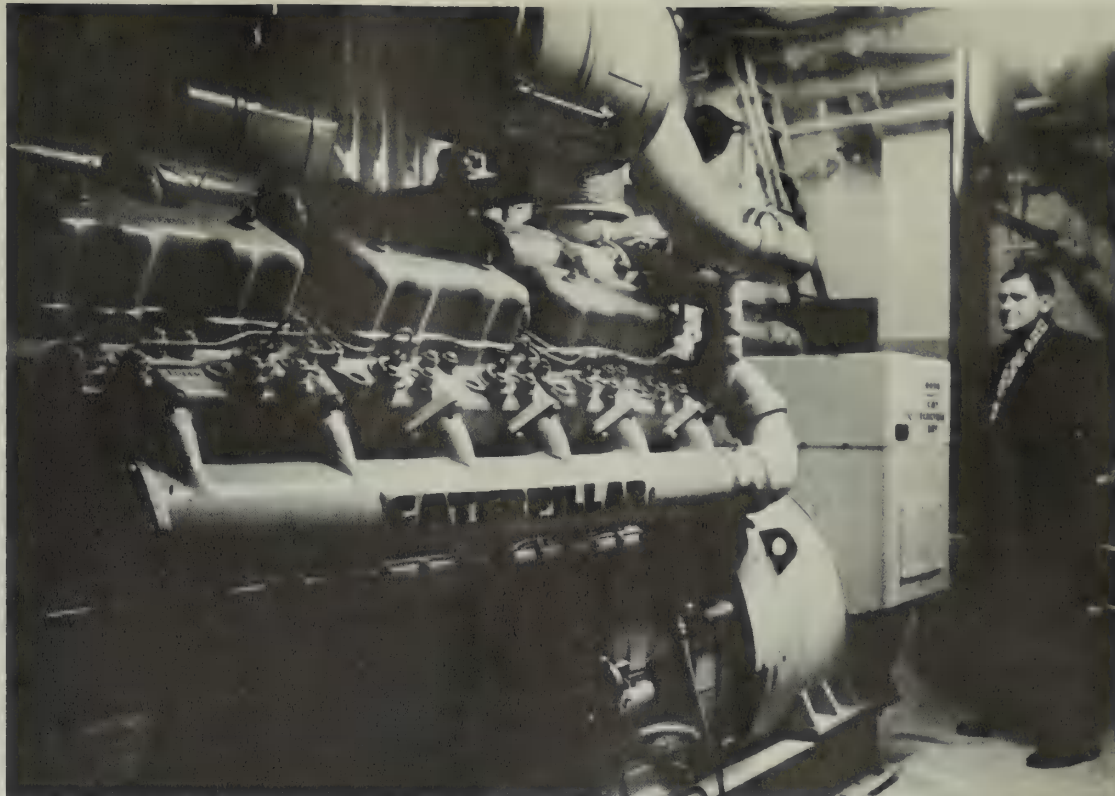
duty tours, took on the added job of keeping patients informed of what was happening in the big, dark world outside.

Throughout the blackout, necessary surgery was performed. And into a disrupted world that night came a girl and four boys, including a preemie.

## LIGHTS AND SMILES

In the Hartford Memorial Room, visitors snuggled deeper into chairs and sofas as the dark night wore on. Housekeeping distributed pillows and blankets for their comfort.

Toward dawn, as lights began to twinkle on again around the city, the hospital began its morning stir. Our people exchanged smiles. We'd come through—and very nicely, too.



Eight seconds after the outside power failed, this huge emergency generator throbbed into action. Through the long night it provided power for every electrical service considered essential to patient care and service.

## WE WERE PREPARED

The blackout found the hospital well prepared. Conscientious people following established procedures insured that the care of patients went on with minimum disruption. In fact, after some initial worry about the cause of the power failure had subsided, the atmosphere became especially relaxed and friendly.

Emergency headquarters were set up at Presbyterian's first floor administrative offices and the Medical Center's Emergency Committee issued the directives necessary to continue smooth operation of the hospital and its various services.

"We'd tried to anticipate this sort of thing in our emergency drills, of course," said Dr. Stuart W. Cosgriff, chairman of the Emergency Committee. "But this was no drill and it didn't quite fit the book of possible emergencies we'd tried to foresee. Nevertheless, everyone in the hospital did beautifully and we met the situation very well."

## SERVICE AS USUAL

As always, Vanderbilt Clinic was open to those seeking medical attention. City firemen set up two large lights to illuminate the admitting area. Equipment and personnel were readied for any possible influx of casualties. A count of available beds was made—the tally posted on large assignment boards. Fortunately the casualties never came.

On patient floors, the business of caring for the sick continued normally in the half-light. Dinner trays appeared on time and nurses, many working beyond their normal

## Basic Black & Candlelight: Some Notes of November 9

During a recent visit here, the supplier who provides candles that add decorative touches to hospital teas and parties insisted on leaving a double order.

As a happy result, our cafeteria and coffee shop never looked more romantic than they did the night the lights failed. Mrs. Muriel Harris, manager of restaurants, cut the 12 dozen tall tapers in half,

distributing them not only to dining areas but also to Medical Center people who needed them. They brightened many a dark spot and furnished illumination for staff and personnel working in the main floor offices.

The spirit of Christmas past was revived as flashlight candles usually reserved for Christmas Eve carollers were broken out . . . A venturesome

operating room nurse walked 22 blocks, carrying a candle to light her way—and arrived on time for the midnight shift.

To feed 2600 people, the cafeteria was open until 8:15 p.m., the coffee shop served all night till 6 a.m. In the morning the hospital routine of meals went on as though nothing unusual had occurred . . . All those extra dishes were washed by hand—the willing hands of housekeeping and food service personnel who pitched in to clean up.

## WORKING THRU THE NIGHT

Service above and beyond the call of duty was given by faithful crews who worked through the evening and night shifts to carry the extra burden. Despite the transportation problem, our night shifts arrived on time—and many of our people returned to the hospital from their homes to help out in the emergency.

Dormitory accommodations were set up for food service and housekeeping personnel, as well as chemistry and clinical pathology technicians. These people voluntarily worked into the wee hours of the morning.

## SHOW OF CAMARADERIE

A laundry cart moved through the Memorial Room and the lobbies of Vanderbilt Clinic and Presbyterian Hospital distributing pillows and blankets to visitors who had to spend the night here. The camaraderie exhibited was reminiscent of wartime experiences.

The spirit of neighborliness that prevailed in the city was dramatized by eight young nurses who appeared at Neu-

rological Institute around midnight offering to help out. Assured that all our staff was on duty, they set off for another hospital.

When the current fizzled, a number of elevators stopped between floors, but for passengers the inconvenience was brief. G. R. Masten, assistant vice president, had stand-by power applied to the cars in turn, bringing them promptly and safely to the ground.

## HAIR RAISING TALES

The blackout caught three beauticians in our 20th floor beauty shop with their curlers up. The girls had set each other's hair and were under the dryers when . . . In the basement barber shop, an assistant vice president was having his hair trimmed. The clippers groaned, buzzed briefly, then buzzed no more. Half a haircut is not better than none.

## FRIENDS COME CALLING

Two friends from Yale-New Haven Medical Center, Drs. Lee Buxton and Jachen Davis, found sanctuary here when a train carrying them to a medical meeting in New York halted outside Melrose Station in the Bronx. Like a homing pigeon, Dr. Buxton made for Presbyterian where he spent many years as student, intern, resident and attending obstetrician and gynecologist. He and Dr. Davis were accommodated here for the night. Dr. Buxton is the man responsible for having Connecticut's old birth-control laws changed so that planned parenthood clinics might exist in the state.



Pretty student nurse sang and entertained with her guitar on the patient floors and — much later — in the Coffee Shop



# Arthritis Patient

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York Central when trouble in the joints of his feet first brought him to New York Orthopaedic Hospital at its downtown location. Two years later, in 1943, he paid his first visit to Vanderbilt Clinic, which he has attended ever since.

"The pain I had on the job sometimes brought tears to my eyes," recalls the lank, sandy-haired man. "But I knew that arthritis is like rust on the hinge of a door; you have to keep it moving or it freezes up tight. Besides, if I didn't keep on working, how would my wife and I get along?"

During the 1940s there wasn't a great deal the Hospital could do to retard the swelling in Mr. Thomas's knees or prevent one shoulder from dropping below the other. Aspirin, limbering-up exercises and applications of heat eased the pain.

## Wanted to Quit

Toward the end of the decade, the injection of solutions containing gold proved helpful. But for the railroad man, the side-effects caused by this treatment began to outweigh the benefits. By 1950 he was tired of fighting. He had to be admitted to the Hospital for two months during this low period.

"I wanted to quit and just let nature take its course," he recalls. "But the doctors here asked me to hold on because



Dr. Charles L. Christian, associate attending physician, inspects attractive telephone table which Mr. Thomas made for the Arthritis Clinic.

research was coming up with some new drugs for rheumatoid arthritis."

The new hormonal drugs discovered in the late '40s made a big difference in arthritis therapy, according to Dr. Charles L. Christian, Associate Attending Physician. "Some patients showed dramatic improvement, and some people thought the hormones would become the answer to rheumatoid. Unfortunately, it hasn't worked out quite that way," the physician adds. "Experience shows the hormones are no cure, and often have appreciable side-effects. These drugs still play an important role in combatting arthritis,

but it's a selected, carefully-controlled role."

For Mr. Thomas, the new hormonal drugs prescribed here made all the difference. "I was kept going on the job for an extra ten years. Instead of becoming a burden, I was able to work long enough to earn a decent pension. I can never thank the Hospital and the doctors enough for making that possible."

## Retired in 1960

In 1960, after 33 years on the job, he conducted his last commuter train between Grand Central and Croton, N. Y. Mr. Thomas's regular passengers gave him and his wife several gifts and the Thomases left for retirement in Salem, N. Y., upstate, close to the Vermont border.

There they live in a snug cottage, from whose picture window Mr. Thomas "can see some deer out in the woods almost any time I look." At least half-a-dozen times a day, he manages the stairs between the main floor and the basement, where a workshop occupies most of his time and energy.

## Likes Woodworking

"I make cabinets, tables, recently a gun-rack. My hands are a bit bumpy as you can see, but I can manage the work and I love doing it!"

A couple of years ago, Mr. Thomas got a little too frisky trying to move a snow plow, and his thigh bone was fractured. Usually he's careful about pacing himself and trying not to do too much too quickly.

Every three months, he visits the Arthritis Clinic. His

# Our Windows Will Look Like Beautiful "Murals" During Holiday Season

The annual Christmas Window Decorating Contest will begin on December 6th when paints, brushes and entry blanks will be available in the vestibule of the Chaplain's Office, off the Memorial Room on the first floor of Presbyterian Hospital. The supplies will remain available until December 13 and will be distributed daily 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Note These Dates

Entry blanks should be returned to Public Interest, PH 4-32 by 5 p.m. December 17. Windows must be complete when the judging begins on December 21. Final judging will be December 22 and

awards will be made December 23.

Members of the Medical Center Art Committee will serve on the judging teams. They include: Chaplain Robert B. Reeves, Jr., Drs. C. R. Wise, Jerome P. Webster, Bard Cosman and Meyer M. Melicow, Mrs. Pamela Seaman, Mary Ryan, Mrs. Harriet Ryan, Helen Henry, Martha Haber, Agnes Dilworth, Mrs. Carol Stilley, Mrs. Rosemarie Glennon, Mrs. Amaryllus Otto, Harriet Phillips, Robert Demarest and James A. Sheridan.

## Poster Design

The Christmas poster and bulletin board was designed by Harriet Phillips.

## Milbank Library Yule Book Sale Runs Dec. 13-24

A Christmas sale of about 800 books will be held Dec. 13-24 in Milbank Library.

Librarian Barbara Martin said most of the books would make good Christmas presents, especially the selection of over 100 children's books. Proceeds will go for new books, she said.

Milbank Library is on the 20th floor of Presbyterian Hospital.

## Magic Morning at Babies Hospital



The delighted expressions of two Babies Hospital patients tell the story: nothing pleases a little girl at Christmas like a pretty new doll.

Each year the Babies Board of Women Managers donates several dozen dolls, which are dressed by our nurses, secretaries, students, wives and other interested women.

These beautifully attired dolls serve as "hostesses" at the annual Dolls Tea, set this year for Dec. 21; on Christmas they become the property of our little girl patients.

## Yule Lights Go On Dec. 17



The cheerful, colorful, twinkling lights of Christmas that illuminate the Medical Center's outdoor trees will be turned on for the first time this year at sundown Dec. 17.

Four large exterior trees will sparkle and shine with light from 4:30 to midnight throughout the holiday season. These evergreens will be located in the Chapel garden, atop the gatehouse in front of Vanderbilt Clinic and near the main entrances to Presbyterian Hospital and Maxwell Hall.

Artificial trees, holly wreaths, and other traditional trimmings of the Yuletide will be distributed within the Medical Center on Dec. 20.

In keeping with strict Fire Department regulations, all indoor trees and other decorations will be carefully flame-proofed.

Members of the Housekeeping Department will handle the distribution and collection of all seasonal trimmings.







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